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Loads and Strains on Hoisting Ropes.

The following interesting facts and suggestions relating to the above subject are communicated to the *London Engineer* by Mr. W. Silver Hall, of Derby, England:

Some years since, I had a winding rope broken about 3 feet above the cap, in the act of raising the loaded cage from the props; in fact, the cage was raised and fell about 2½ feet, as nearly as could be estimated. The weight of cage, tub, coal and chains, with the cap and piece of broken rope, would be 75 or 76 cwt.; the weight of rope suspended in the shaft, 32 cwt.; total, 108 cwt. The rope was a flat one, of iron wire, tapering from 4¾ to 4¼ inches wide, giving a breaking strain of 60 tons and 50 tons, and a safe working load of 136 and 112 cwt. at the upper and lower ends, respectively. It had only been in use a few weeks, and there was no sign of any flaw at the point of rupture. After the torn end was cut off and the rope recapped, it continued to do its work satisfactorily for the full average life of the ropes at that pit. The engine, although a single-cylinder one, was remarkably easy to handle, and the engine man one of the steadiest and most skillful that I have known. The rate of winding, though smart, was not excessive, the run of 202 yards being made in 30 seconds, and the three-decked cage changed in 30 seconds, or, allowing for occasional delays, say 55 runs per hour.

At first sight the rope might have been expected to break at the top end, where the actual weight to be lifted was nearly 80 per cent. of the theoretical safe working load, rather than at the bottom end, where the weight was only 63 per cent. of the theoretical safe load; but when it is remembered that the 32 cwt. of rope is already in rapid ascending motion before the "snatch" comes to start the 76 cwt. of cage, &c., into motion, it is apparent not only that the rope

the engine, and this can only be done by using the lightest possible trams and cages. In the instance above given, if the cage had been of steel instead of iron, its weight might probably have been reduced 30 per cent. or more, and I could point out instances where a much greater reduction has actually been effected, thereby reducing the total weight to be snatched at—that is, coal, tubs, cage and chains—by about 12 per cent. But while cages are only too often considered as a convenient stock job, on which the colliery smith may advantageously employ the odds and ends of his time, and expend such bars of iron as he happens to have no other use for; while they are too often commenced, continued and finished without any harmonious design or plan, but by the addition of one part after another, each fulfilling its own object and adding to the total weight, but not contributing to the aggregate strength of the structure; while some of the parts most severely strained are too often weakened by injudiciously placed bolts or rivet-holes, and when they fail are replaced by stouter bars and bigger rivets, the result can scarcely be satisfactory in any respect, and least of all where lightness is desired. Perhaps the next attempt is made in steel, with a result more disappointing than ever, and that ill-used material, as I have too often found when advocating its use, is forever discredited in the eye of the disgusted proprietor.

Reversing Rail-Mill Engines.

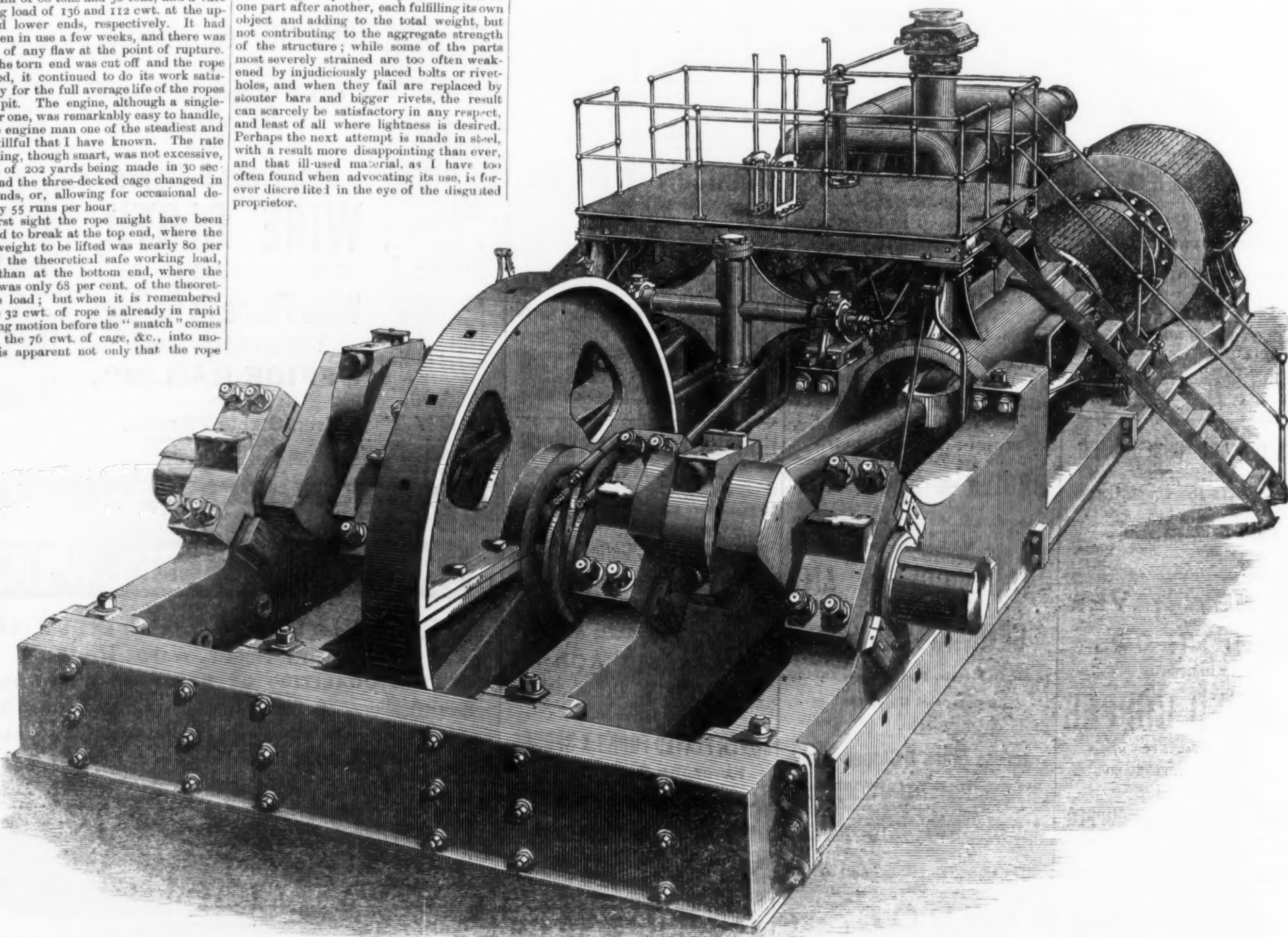
We present in the accompanying engraving, for which we are indebted to *Engineering*, of London, a perspective view of a large pair of horizontal compound reversing rail-mill engines recently turned out by an English firm. The engines in question have two high-pressure cylinders, each 34 inches in diameter, and two low-pressure cylinders, each 60 inches in diameter, all having 5-foot stroke. The cylinders are steam-jacketed, and provided with piston valves and link motions, the latter being worked by a hydraulic cylinder for reversing. The crank-shaft, which is of the marine type, is made in two pieces, bolted together,

doubtless prove to be a considerable improvement upon the ordinary tires, both in saving of cost of repairs and an increased durability of the wheels.

Training of Railway Mechanics in Prussia.

On the 1st of July, 1882, there were 588 apprentices in 34 shops of the Prussian State railroads, 277 of whom were in shops expressly designed for the instruction of apprentices. These apprentices receive a special training for the purpose of securing thoroughly skilled mechanics for the Government shops; it is forbidden to use them

great skill and experience in their trades, distinguished for cultivation and solidity of character. After two years in these shops the apprentices are put in the ordinary shops and set at various kinds of work, and their adaptation for special kinds of work is noted. Besides this practical training, the apprentices receive instruction in schools on two week days and on Sunday of each week, in branches of knowledge calculated to help them to practice their trades independently, special regard being had to thoroughness in what is taught. In these schools the construction of machine-tools is explained and the properties of materials, and the apprentices are taught to make drawings of simple objects, parts of machines, &c., and to con-



ENGLISH COMPOUND REVERSING RAIL-MILL ENGINES.

actually did break where the severest strain came upon it, but also that that strain is very much nearer to the actual breaking strain than is commonly supposed.

A mere record of facts such as the above is not of much value unless it leads to the suggestion of some improvement in the appliances, or in the method of using them, calculated to obviate similar accidents in the future. One such suggestion, and the most obvious, is the substitution of steel for iron ropes, giving, with a rope of the same weight, an increased strength of some 50 per cent.; but, of course, at a considerably increased cost. To employ a stronger, and, consequently, heavier, iron rope would have the effect of striking an up-hand blow with a heavier hammer than before. Again, it is doubtful whether, for pits of moderate depth, the advantages obtained by a tapered rope are not purchased too dearly by the weakness at the bottom end, where, as we have already seen, the greatest strain comes at the moment of starting. Now, where the suspended weight of rope is counterbalanced by a tail rope—which, as I pointed out at the Leeds meeting of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers, in August last, can probably be economically applied in cases where the depth does not exceed 500 yards or thereabouts—the weight on the rope is constant at any stage of the winding, and consequently, a parallel rope is the right thing.

But perhaps the most important point of all is to diminish, as far as possible, the dead weight snatched at by the rapid starting of

As there is no difficulty in making a properly designed steel cage, which for any given weight of coal to be lifted shall be from 25 to 50 per cent. lighter, and shall cost no more than an iron one, it is surely time that the state of things which I have endeavored to describe, and which, as every mining inspector knows, is only too common, should cease to exist.

The Cutlery Exhibition in London.

The competition between artisans and apprentices for prizes given by the Cutlery Company of London has been highly successful, more than 150 competitors having entered the lists. Nearly all the prizes in the surgical instrument branches have been awarded to London men, while the prizes for general cutlery work are divided between London and Sheffield. The exhibition of the various articles of competition and other objects connected with the cutlery trade at Salter's Hall has created much interest, and has been visited by 11,000 persons. The exhibition closed on the 25th ult., when the money prizes and certificates were handed to the successful competitors by Miss Thorne, the daughter of the Master Cutler of London, the ceremony concluding by a vote of thanks to the company for their endeavors to create a healthy spirit of competition among the artisans and apprentices in the various branches, moved by Mr. Wood, an artisan in the surgical branch of the London trade, and seconded by Mr. Clarke, of Sheffield.

and weighs about 13 tons. The pins are 18 inches in diameter and 15 inches long, and there are four bearings, each 18 inches in diameter and 22 inches long. The connecting-rods are 13 feet 6 inches centers. The engines are constructed to work at a pressure of 90 pounds to 100 pounds per square inch, and deliver their exhaust steam to a surface condenser, fitted with brass tubes ¾ inch internal diameter. This condenser also serves to condense the steam of the accessory engines always to be found in a rail-making plant, and is provided with an independent pair of horizontal engines, with cylinders 16 inches in diameter by 30 inches stroke, which work two double-acting circulating pumps.

A New Wheel Tire.—A new wheel tire of novel design has been patented by Messrs. Merryweather & Sons, the fire-engine makers, of London. The object of this tire is to prevent the skidding of ordinary carriage wheels when traveling on roadways where street-car lines exist. The tire is notched on both edges, and as it overhangs the rim of the wheel, it effectively crosses and recrosses the rails without in the slightest degree twisting the axle. An experiment with a fire engine fitted with these improved tires was recently made in the Mile End Road, where the rails stand above the level of the roadway, owing to some temporary alterations, and the results were satisfactory. To those using vehicles of any description, especially mail carts or similar conveyances for quick transit, the improved tires will

as laborers, or in any one branch of their trade in which they may have acquired some facility; but they must receive instruction and be made skillful in all things which pertain to their trade, without regard to the profit which the shops can make out of them. The apprentices, as a rule, must not be less than 14 nor more than 16 years of age, and must have passed through the studies of an elementary school. The term of apprenticeship is four years. After appointment they are paid varying sums according to the place where employed, but never more than 20 cents per day at first, which is advanced every six months, according to the apprentice's ability, as shown by special tests, but never so as to equal the lowest rate of wages paid to regular employees in the trade. A tenth of these wages is withheld until the end of the apprenticeship. For the first two years the apprentices receive their training not in the great shops, but in small ones, which are fitted especially as training-shops, in which the apprentices are under direct supervision, and so far as possible are employed at work fitted for their capacity at the time. These shops are so equipped that all the work of the trade can be done in them.

The machine tools used are worked by hand or foot, to avoid accidents. Special effort is made in them to acquaint the apprentices with the different methods of treating different kinds of materials, the use of tools, &c., and they are taught to make and repair the simpler tools. These apprentice-shops are placed in charge of foremen of

struct patterns after drawings and specifications of the materials required.

A Large Walking-Beam.—The beam of the new high-service engine of the St. Louis water works is 34 feet long, 7 feet deep in the center, is composed of wrought and cast iron, and weighs 68,000 pounds. The pump casting proper weighs 84,000 pounds, the cylinder and jacket weigh 28,000 pounds, the lower and upper head of the cylinder 16,000 pounds, the air chamber 66,000 pounds, the columns supporting the beam 56,000 pounds, the bed-plates 64,000 pounds, and the pump-plunger and bucket 20,000 pounds. The piston is 85½ inches and the piston-rod 8½ inches in diameter, with 10 feet stroke. The engine is to be run by six boilers 24 feet long, of the pattern known as the drop flue return boiler. A temporary frame building is being erected over the new engine. The foundations connected with the engine have been constructed to accommodate three more engines, and the plan is to place the engines in position before erecting the engine house. The foundation of the new boiler house is designed to accommodate 24 boilers, which will generate the steam to run the four new high-service engines.

The steam fire engines of the city of Berlin have pipes for the discharge of compressed carbonic acid into the steam chamber. When the engine starts from the station the boiler is heated; on arriving at the fire the carbonic acid is at first employed as a motor, then the gas and steam work together, and

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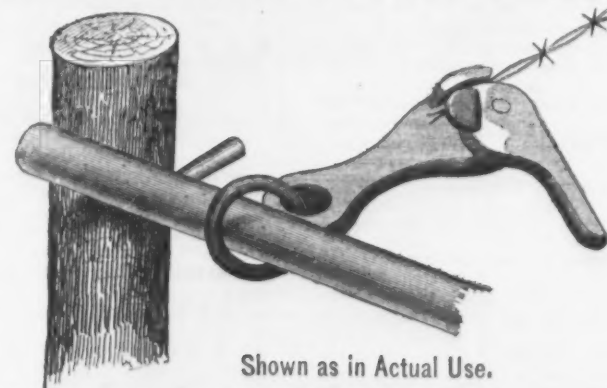
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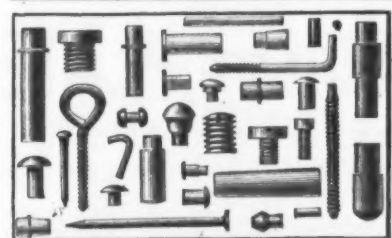
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The Value of Successive Additions to the Temperature of the Air Used in Smelting Iron.

Mr. I. Lowthian Bell, in a paper bearing
the above title, and read at the spring meet-
ing of the British Iron and Steel Institute,
submitted the following, which, as it will be
seen, has a bearing on the paper of Mr. W.
Hawdon—"A Comparison of the Working
of a Blast Furnace with Blast Varying in
Temperature from 990° to 1414° F."—read
at the same meeting and published in our issue
of July 5:

The occasion which has led to the con-
tribution of the paper by Mr. Hawdon is, in
my opinion, very important, and in some re-
spects the most satisfactory possible, when
taken in connection with the subject of
which it treats. Very often, when the value
of air heated from 1200° to 1600° F. in fire-
brick stoves has been compared with that of
air heated to less elevated temperatures by
the use of metal pipes, the comparison has
been attempted on a mistaken basis. Old
furnaces, with dilapidated hot-air apparatus,
have been contrasted with renovated fur-
naces fitted with the most perfect means of
heating the blast with which we are ac-
quainted. In such cases a saving of 4 to 5
cwt. of coke per ton of iron was no doubt
often effected, all of which has been some-
times placed to the credit of what may be
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paring the performance of the identical fur-
nace, smelting the same kind of ironstone,
with the same quality of coke, but by means
of air at different temperatures, according
as it was heated by the two kinds of stoves
in question. Under ordinary circumstances I
should have been content to take my share in
the discussion on the paper when read; but
it has fallen to my lot, here and elsewhere,
to contest so many of the propositions ad-
vanced by authors of papers on fire-brick
stoves that by some of my friends I am re-
garded as opposed to the principle involved
in their use. When our president kindly
offered me an opportunity of verifying the
action of this particular furnace, before and
after the change from metal to fire-brick
stoves, he expressed himself in favor of the
present occasion being used for considering
generally the principles upon which the use
of hot blast is dependent. Many of those
whom I have the honor of addressing can
only know from books the disbelief which
greeted Neilson's discovery that 100 pounds
of coal burnt in heating the blast was able
to save 300 or 400 pounds of fuel burnt in
the furnace. After this fact had been estab-
lished beyond the power of contradiction,
science attempted to explain the apparent
anomaly. So far as I am aware, no explana-
tion was considered satisfactory, which was
probably due to the circumstance that few,
if any, scientific men had sufficient
opportunity for a lengthened study of the
only really useful source of information,
viz., the blast furnace itself. Every iron
smelter of the present day knows—what, in-
deed, has been known for many years—that
the office of the fuel on the blast furnace is
of a dual character; besides fusing, it has to
act chemically on the substances exposed to
its influence. Full consideration, however,
had perhaps not formerly been given to the
amount of time required for both these opera-
tions, nor to the loss which might ensue
from the period of exposure being insuffi-
cient in point of duration. Due allowance,
however, must be made, in considering
the want of success which attended these
investigations of the earlier writers on the
metallurgy of iron, for their less perfect
knowledge of what was really required in
the furnace itself.

In our time little in this respect is left
to speculation, for, owing to the services ren-
dered to our work by pure scientific inquiry,
we in our day have gained a great advan-
tage in being able to estimate the actual
quantity of heat needed for smelting an ore
of any given richness and composition. In
addition to this, we are able to calculate
with considerable nicety the quantity of
heat evolved by fuel of known quality. These
two sets of factors, furnished by physical
science, do not, however, supply the iron
smelter with all the information necessary
for a complete solution of the problems he
has to deal with; but this want has, during
the last few years, been supplied by gentle-
men practically engaged in the management
of blast furnaces. It will be most convenient
to consider, in the first place, the source of
the heat required for the fusion of the iron
and slag in the hearth of the furnace. This
heat is, of course, generated in all cases by
the combustion before the blast of the solid
carbon of the fuel, for, even if raw coal is
used, all its volatile constituents are expelled
before it reaches the vicinity of the tuyeres.
There being two oxides of carbon, it is essen-
tial to remember that when this substance is
burnt under the conditions which obtain in a
blast furnace, it is the lower oxide alone (car-
bonic oxide, or CO) which is the ultimate
product of the combustion in the hearth.
This, from a heat-producing point of view,
is a great loss, because one unit of carbon
burnt to the higher oxide (carbonic acid, or
CO₂) affords 3½ times as much heat as the
same amount when only burnt to the state
of the lower oxide. This impossibility of
raising carbon to its highest state of oxida-
tion arises from this substance in a solid
condition, at high temperatures, being able
to act on carbonic acid and reduce it
to the lower oxide. And, besides this barrier
to complete saturation of carbon with oxygen,
there is another of still greater significance,
viz., the power which heated iron also pos-
sesses to attack carbonic acid, and in like
manner to reduce it to carbonic oxide, while
itself becoming oxidized. If, then, there
were any notable quantity of carbonic acid
near the tuyeres of a blast furnace, the ore,
or a portion of it, which has been reduced in
the upper zone would be reoxidized in the
hearth. So far as concerns any combustible
substance likely, as a matter of cost, to be
used in the blast furnace, we may, I think,
accept as a condition precedent that it must
be susceptible of two states of oxidation, to

one of which it is raised at the tuyeres by
means of the blast; while its conversion, or
partial conversion, to the other state is
caused by its action on the oxide of iron in
the zone of reduction situate in the upper
region of the furnace. Let us take the case
of hydrogen gas, which, as a source of heat,
offers the greatest inducement as a substitute
for coke, inasmuch as it generates by its com-
bustion more than 14 times as much heat as
carbon does when burnt to carbonic oxide,
and 4½ times as much as carbon when burnt
to carbonic acid. Oxidized hydrogen, how-
ever, or vapor of water, resembles carbonic
acid in its behavior to iron; it would be
formed at the tuyeres with the evolution of
much heat, but all or a great part of this
heat would subsequently disappear by its en-
tire or partial reconversion into hydrogen,
accompanied by a large amount of reoxida-
tion of the iron. After what has been just
said, it is needless to say that the admission
of carbonic oxide at the tuyeres as a com-
bustible would be attended with results
similar in point of principle to those accom-
panying the use of hydrogen.

With these facts before us, it is clear that
any attempt to use what is known as water-
gas in the blast furnace can only end in dis-
appointment. This substance is easily made,
and, when pure, consists of equal volumes of
carbonic oxide and hydrogen. It is usually
procured by passing steam over highly-
heated carbon. Notwithstanding the high
calorific power of the hydrogen, it would
under no circumstances present any advan-
tage as a source of heat, because the same
amount of heat as is evolved by burning this
gas must, in the first place, be obtained by
the combustion of a much larger weight of
carbon, to which has to be added the un-
avoidable loss always attending similar pro-
cesses. As already mentioned, the genera-
tion of carbonic acid in the blast furnace is
due to the action of carbonic oxide on the
ore, by means of which the reduction of the
iron oxide is effected. A small amount of
this acid is also produced by a peculiar
change experienced by a portion of the car-
bonic oxide, in which carbon is at the same
time precipitated. I have estimated that for
each ton of pig iron made, carbon, in its
highest state of oxidation, is generated by
these two processes to a weight of 6.78 cwt.,
or thereabouts. The usual measurement of
quantities of heat being the thermometric
degrees by which one unit of water has
its temperature raised, we will assume that
to smelt 20 units of pig iron 90,000 Centi-
grade calories,* as the units in this form of
measurement are designated, are required.
Now, as one unit of carbon, burnt with air at
0° C. (32° F.) to carbonic acid gives off 8000
calories, we have $\frac{90,000}{8000} = 11.25$ units of

carbon required for the generation of this
quantity of heat. If to this we add carbon
absorbed by the iron, say .60 unit, we have
11.85 units as the total carbon required,
which represents, therefore, about 12 cwt. of
coke per ton of iron. The quantity of heat
just named—90,000 calories—suffices, it is
true, for smelting such ironstone as that
found in Cleveland; but we know quite well
that fully 10 cwt. more than the weight of
coke just named is consumed per ton of iron,
even when burnt with air at 1000° F. Now,
the reason why so much more coke is con-
sumed than the 12 cwt. just spoken of is the
existence of a limit beyond which the action
of carbonic oxide, the reducing agent, is an-
nihiliated by the admixture of the resulting
carbonic acid, which latter has an opposite
tendency to that of carbonic oxide, being an
oxidizing instead of being a reducing agent.
Whatever the limit in question may be, it
constitutes the first and most important im-
pediment to lowering, beyond a certain point,
the quantity of fuel employed for smelting
iron. Having given to this supposed limit a
great amount of attention, I hope that I may
be permitted to lay before this meeting a very
brief account of the conclusions I have
formed on the subject. If we take 80 pounds
of peroxide of iron, 56 pounds of this will
consist of iron and 24 pounds of oxygen.
Now we have only to conceive that the first
half of this oxygen is held by the iron less
firmly than the second half, in order to ac-
count for the limit referred to, as affecting
the probable extent to which carbonic oxide
can withdraw oxygen from oxide of iron.

Let us suppose that 4½ pounds of carbon
could separate the first 12 pounds of oxy-
gen, but that the second 12 pounds of oxy-
gen, being held to the iron by double the
force which retained the first 12 pounds, the
presence of twice as much carbon, or 9
pounds, will be required to tear the last 12
pounds away from the iron. This is not the
precise way in which carbon actually de-
prives iron of oxygen in the blast furnace,
but it constitutes an easy way of explaining
the process of reduction. The result of the
two operations will be to give us one part by
weight of carbon in the form of carbonic
acid, or one volume of the gas, accompanied
by two parts by weight of carbon or car-
bonic oxide, or two volumes of the gas, the
oxygen being equally divided between the
two states of oxidation in which these two
quantities of carbon are found.† Without
insisting on the above view as really regu-
lating the behavior of carbon with oxide of
iron, I would simply remark that when the
two gases, carbonic oxide and carbonic acid,
approach the proportion just given as they
leave the furnace, the mixture seems inca-
pitated from further action on iron ore.
Further, a vast number of analyses, made
under my own superintendence, and a still
greater number by other authorities, have
satisfied me on the extreme probability of
this forming a condition of saturation of
these gases with oxygen in coke furnaces
which it is not likely will be exceeded.
There are, no doubt, some cases mentioned,
particularly in charcoal furnaces, where
the proportion of carbonic acid exceeds
the limit just laid down; but these, I
think, are exceptional, and would re-
quire more time to explain than can be
devoted to the subject at the present
moment. Adopting the figures just assumed

* Each Centigrade degree being equal to 1.8° F.,
the Centigrade scale gives much smaller numbers
to deal with. This, and the facility afforded by
decimal notation, is the cause of the Centigrade
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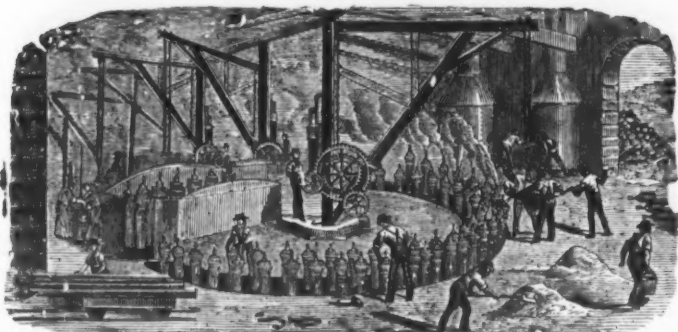
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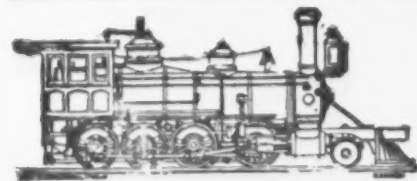
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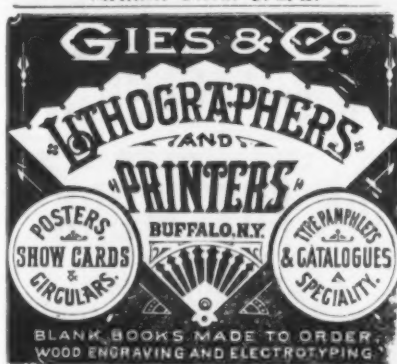
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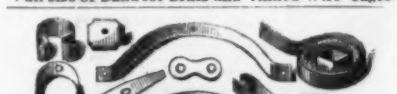


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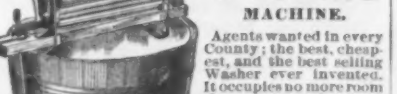
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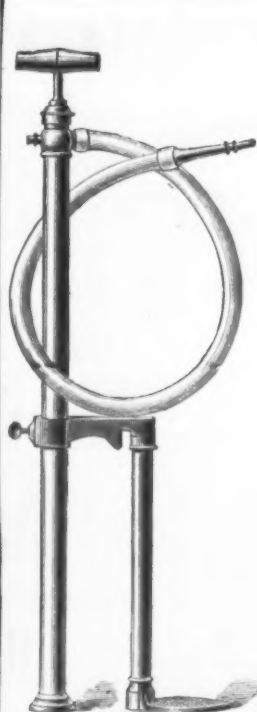
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Cubic capacity.....	15,500	25,500
Temperature of gases.....	585° F. (307° C.)	540° F. (282° C.)

In all these instances a certain amount of heat in the gases was derived from the ironstone being always charged warm from the kilns, and often at a temperature of 212° F. and more. The very small difference, viz., 45° F., or 25° C., between the heat of C and D, notwithstanding an increase of about 65 per cent. in the dimensions of the latter, led to the conclusion that practically we had all but arrived at the utmost useful limit of size of the furnace, at all events in smelting such stone as that of Cleveland. I was also induced to question, from actual observation, whether any advantage was being derived from heating the blast above 1000° F., when applied to furnaces of sufficient capacity. Theoretically, any saving from a higher temperature than 1000° F. at such furnaces must be, as I shall presently show, extremely insignificant, as compared with what was achieved at the first application of heated air by Neilson. These conclusions were warmly contested by many who had also paid great attention to the subject. From one quarter the possibility was intimated that Cleveland stone (calcined), having 40 per cent. of iron, might be smelted with 7.43 cwt. of coke, leaving the blast to supply the remainder of the heat. This theoretical weight was subsequently raised by its propounder to 13, and lastly to 17.25 cwt., at which figure it remains, I believe, in the minds of some. From another source we were assured that, by merely raising the temperature of the blast from 800° F. to 1150° F., 5 cwt. of coke per ton of iron had been saved in smelting Cleveland stone, and that an economy of no less than 7 1/4 cwt. had been effected by the substitution of fire-brick stoves for metal pipes to a furnace smelting hematite ore. Again, according to the views of a third authority, the saving was formulated into 1 cwt. of coke per ton of metal for every 200° F. communicated to the blast. These were the propositions which I have contested for the last 15 years—indeed, ever since the subject of fire-brick stoves has been the subject of discussion among iron manufacturers. Let us now proceed to examine, chiefly by means of the laws which I have endeavored to explain, the cause of the immense saving effected by the first application of hot blast to the smelting of iron, and how it happens that this saving falls off so rapidly in furnaces of enlarged capacity driven with air heated to a temperature of 900° or 1000° F. A furnace receiving its blast at 32° F. will be assumed as consuming 45 cwt. of coke, and to fuse the ash of this coke and the earths in the ore, 25 cwt. of limestone are allowed. Owing to the immense volume of reducing gas arising from so large a consumption of coke, 5.91 units of carbon as carbonic acid per 20 units of iron will be considered as being present in the escaping gases. To ascertain the quantity of heat absorbed, precisely the same calculations are made use of as in the cases formerly referred to—the three sets being placed alongside each other for convenience of comparison:

	1.	2.	3.
Furnace of 6,000 cubic feet. Cold blast. Ca-485° C. Cal-ories.	50,798	50,798	50,798
Elements of absorption, A.....	44,716	33,973	30,055
Carried off in gases, C.....	28,304	16,409	8,860
Total.....	123,818	101,120	89,713

* The two sides of the account will not be found to agree precisely; thus, the heat produced by the combustion of the fuel amounts to:

	Furnace of 6,000 cubic feet.	Furnace of 11,500 cubic feet.
As given.....	89,878	81,576
Heat in the blast.....	14,774	11,919
	104,652	93,495

Whereas the elements of absorption amounted to.....

	101,120	89,713
Difference.....	3,532	3,782

The differences—say, 2.8 and 4.2 per cent.—may arise from a variety of circumstances into which the limits of this paper will not permit us to enter. In the hope of avoiding the difficulty arising from an excess of carbonic acid in the gases, as pointed out by myself, it was proposed to deoxidize the ironstone before it was introduced into the furnace; but how and where could this take place? If at and where carbonic oxide are required for this operation, and where can the e be got so economically as from the carbon which has served the purpose of fusion in the hearth, and which, if not employed for reduction in the furnace, would have to be less economically applied to the self-same purpose outside it.

The heat evolved is:

	Calories.	Calories.	Calories.
By combustion of fuel, assumed.....	123,818	89,396	77,794
Heat in blast.....	nil.	14,774	11,919
Total.....	123,818	104,170	89,713

We have then, as the number of calories per unit of coke consumed:

123,818 = 2751	104,170 = 3497
45	28.92
89,713 = 4019.	
22.32	

From these factors we can deduce the quantity of coke represented by each of these elements of absorption as follows:

	No. 1.	No. 2.	No. 3.
	Cwt.	Cwt.	Cwt.
Under A.....	12.46	14.52	12.61
" B.....	16.25	9.99	7.45
" C (escaping gases).....	16.29	4.71	2.21
Total.....	45.00	29.22	22.27

(To be continued.)

The Zinc Mines of Sussex County, N. J.

BY NELSON H. DARTON.

At Ogdensburg and Franklin Furnace, about 60 miles northwest of New York City, on the New York, Susquehanna and Western Railroad, are several veins of zinc minerals, which are, without question, the most interesting formations of their character in the United States. They have been worked for a number of years, but are as yet apparently inexhaustible. They were discovered by Dr. Fowler, a large property holder and mineralogist of the vicinity, in 1815-16, who drew attention to the wonderful variety and association of minerals in the outcrops of the veins, and also to the great purity and immense quantity of the ore in sight. It was not long before the attention of some capitalists was directed to the district, and they leased from Dr. Fowler the privilege of working certain of the mineral veins. Since that time these veins have been extensively developed, and have long formed a mining center at Franklin Furnace. Formerly, many men were employed in their development, but now a less number is required, as the mining facilities have been increased.

At Franklin, on Mine Hill, within 100 feet are the veins of magnetic iron ore, graphite, franklinite, 40 feet or more in thickness, and lying upon beds of pyroxene and garnet rock; and in the limestone, then the vein of zinc ore—besides which at Ogdensburg there are two other zinc ore veins, and thus there are three, which are included between walls of granular limestone, which a few feet beyond are adjacent to walls of gneiss, or in some instances syenite or granite. The localities are two in number: First, the two veins known as the West and Main veins at Ogdensburg, in Sparta township, and the vein two miles north at Mine Hill, in Franklin. The former veins are divided into three mines known as the Manganese, New Jersey and Passaic—the latter mine being at present the only one worked. The Ogdensburg veins are very peculiarly arranged, and it is not until lately that their true configuration has become known, as pointed out by me in a paper read before the New York Academy of Sciences in November, 1882. On the geological map of the veins published with the survey report in 1868, they were mapped as being one, and that similar in arrangement to the vein at Mine Hill, with a crook toward the northwest, the latter having a crook to the northeast, both from the southern ends of the veins. The juncture of this crook was represented as a sharp point, and diverging at an angle of about 35° from the main vein. This is true at the Mine Hill vein, but at Ogdensburg the relations are quite different, as there are two distinct veins essentially parallel and several hundred feet apart at their southern terminations. But entirely separate from them are two high basins, 200 feet in diameter, and about 80 feet in depth. The main vein is 2000 feet in length, and 22 feet in thickness at the surface, and decreasing very gradually as it descends. It is surrounded by complete walls of dolomite, at least to a depth of 80 feet.

The ores that occur in it are the following: Zincite, a red oxide of zinc containing about 80 per cent. of zinc, the red color being caused by the presence of scales of red oxide of iron disseminated through it. This ore is a much valued one, and constitutes a large percentage of the average ore. It is used directly for the production of either spelter or white oxide of zinc. It is mixed in all proportions with the mineral franklinite in small black grains, or modified octahedrons containing iron, zinc and manganese. This mineral is separated from the zincite by mechanical or magnetic means, and used for the production of compounds of iron and manganese, known as spiegeleisen or ferro-manganese. It was formerly rejected as worthless, not being of use in manufacturing zinc or iron, but is now a valuable production. Besides, there are several impurities: Rodonite, or bisulfate of manganese, and tephroite, its unsulfate; rhodochrosite, its carbonate. Small amounts of silicate of zinc, willemite, also occur, besides carbonates of zinc and magnesia and very appreciable amounts of silicate of copper. The arrangement of these minerals in the vein is very peculiar, and I will detail them: The foot wall of dolomite, as before mentioned, is more or less impregnated, for about a foot in depth, with masses of zincite, holding a little franklinite and some tephroite, generally in large defined crystals. Above this is a bed of zincite, 6 feet in thickness, containing a small proportion of granules of franklinite, and, at times, considerable silicious matter. Above this is a hanging wall, not continuous, however, impregnated with rhodonite, franklinite, zincite, tephroite and rhodochrosite, and in a few places blende. Above this is the main vein, about 12 feet in thickness, of zincite, holding much franklinite and some small portion of the other minerals. Above this is a thickness of about 1 foot of a mixture of franklinite, zincite, rhodonite and rhodochrosite, quite separated from each other, and above this some pure zincite, which joins the veins to the hanging wall, which is also more or less permeated with the zincite.

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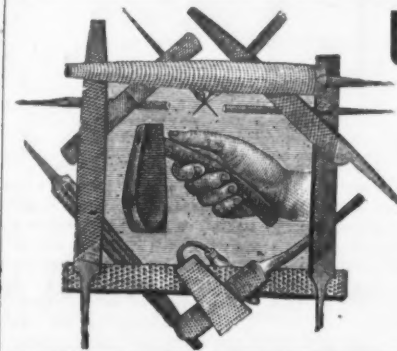
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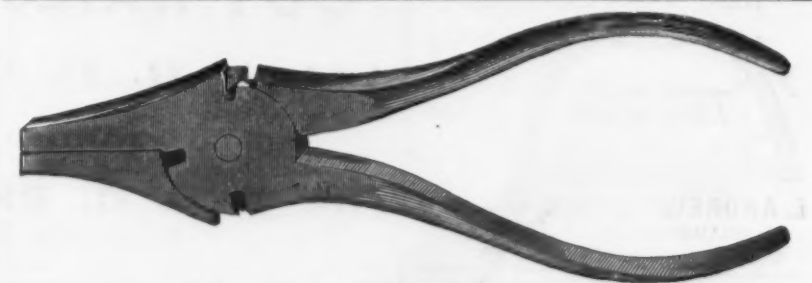
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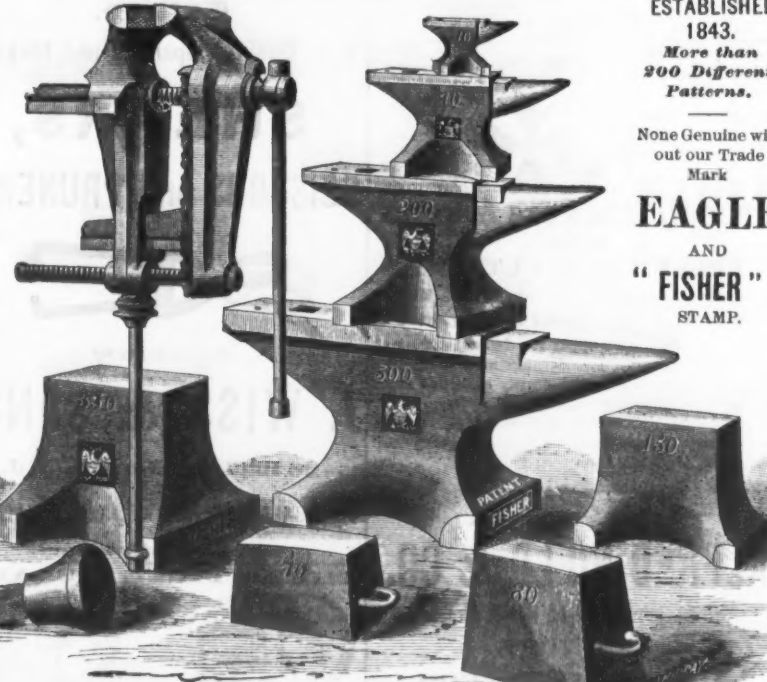
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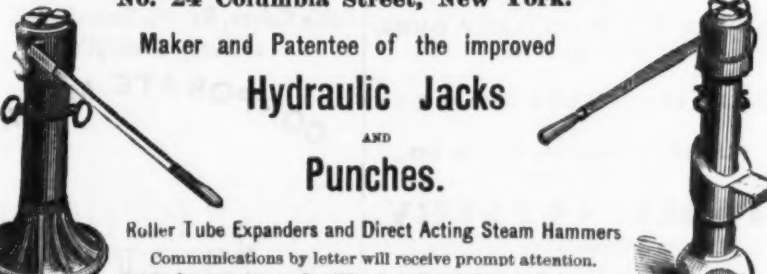


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feet in length, and about 100 feet in depth. Nearly all the ore has been removed from it. Its character was similar to that of the main vein, but its constituents quite homogeneously mixed together. A tunnel connects this vein with the main one. The first basin is between the southern ends of the veins, the other just south of them; both were half filled with dirt when found, but under this was a thick bed of franklinite, and under this the calamine, a silicate of zinc, containing water. It was much mixed with dirt, but this is readily washed out, and is one of the most valuable outputs of the mines. When it is mixed with lime and distilled, white oxide of zinc is obtained. Its color proper is pure white, and many specimens in this condition have been found—one a cylinder 40 feet long, 2 to 4 inches in diameter, and with walls about 2 to 3 inches in thickness, of a pure white color, lying upon an incline up the basin, evidently at one time a water course. Many other specimens of various minerals have been found in this basin, especially some crystals of jeffersonite fully a foot long and perfect in every angle.

The Passaic Co., the only one at present at work, have developed mines for some time. The principal mine is in the main vein, from which 50 tons per day are taken, and the basin where the silicate or calamine is taken out. A large engine house is erected nearly over the mouth of the main vein, which has a shaft 200 feet in depth, and works two drills. Two 40-horse-power boilers are in the engine house, working an 8-inch mining pump with 5-foot stroke, an air compressor, a No. 5 Blake pump in the level, and a No. 1 Worthington double-acting pump in the bottom of the shaft, besides some smaller machinery in the shop, the hoisting engine, &c.

At the calamine mine, a few hundred yards away, a small portable hoisting engine is used, and at the mills for washing it, at the bottom of the hill, a 6-horse-power Hooley engine for running the stamps, washers, and a No. 3 Knowles pump, 10-inch cylinder, 16-inch stroke. The washed silicate is dried in heaps and shipped direct to their works, or, in some instances, sold to other companies. The able superintendent is Mr. T. M. Mitchell, who, assisted by about 60 men, attends entirely to the work, and it is since he has been with the company that the true width of the vein—22 feet—was ascertained. The vein of lean ore hiding the rich layer of zincite 6 feet in thickness was formerly considered the foot wall of the vein until explored by Mr. Mitchell.

At Mine Hill, in Franklin, the zinc is again found in nearly a direct line north-west; the Ogdensburg deposits in a vein of nearly the same length, but in many places 40 feet in thickness, of quite homogeneous composition, and apparently inexhaustible. It has been much mined, but now only one opening is worked to any extent, which is the Buckwheat Field mine on the crook of the vein. Here is a monstrous opening, several hundred feet in length, 40 in width and 70 in depth, approached by a tunnel from the valley of the Walkill River, a distance of 1000 feet, and by ladders up its side. There is a shaft about 100 feet deep in the opening and ramifying out into the vein. Opening from the north is a huge grotto where they are now taking out ore. The entrance to this part of the vein was barred by a huge dike, apparently the end of the vein, it being 45 feet in thickness, and at right angles to the vein. Behind it the continuation of the vein was found, the grotto having assumed large dimensions by the removal of the ore, which is composed of zincite, franklinite and willemite, or green anhydrous silicate of zinc, besides some minor constituents. When mixed with lime and distilled, the oxide of zinc, thus freed from its silica, distills also, and thus this otherwise useless product is valuable. The mining is very simple here; compressed air drills are used; the ore blasted out with giant powder, placed on cars, and drawn by donkeys through the tunnel to a small platform, where it is weighed and dumped directly on the cars for shipment to the company's works at Newark or to Jersey City. An engine for hauling ore from the mine below the opening to the donkey cars and for compressing the air for the drills is the only machinery employed besides a small mine pump below the opening.

Clay Pipes.

Within two or three years, says the Cincinnati Trade List, two-thirds of the common clay pipes smoked in this country were brought from England and Scotland, but at present scarcely one-sixteenth of the demand is supplied from those sources. This change is due to a number of causes, one being that domestic-made pipes are preferred by old smokers, and another that the great influx of immigrants, who almost invariably smoke clay pipes, has kept up the demand. At all events, the business of manufacturing clay pipes in this country was never more flourishing than at the present time. There are quite a number of clay-pipe manufactories in different parts of the country, the largest being in Brooklyn, Detroit, Baltimore, Woodbridge, New York, Union Hill, Newark, Providence, Cleveland, Syracuse and Rouse's Point. Besides these, there are smaller concerns scattered over the country that supply the local demand and employ but few hands. There are three extensive factories in Montreal and Quebec, and all of the above turn out the common clay pipe, which retails for a cent.

The white clay from which these pipes are made is worth about \$3.50 per ton, and the red clay, which is more rare, \$5.50 per ton. The latter variety is obtained near New Brunswick and Woodbridge, N. J., and is found at a depth of 50 or 60 feet. It does not run in regular veins, but in lumps or pockets, surrounded with an inferior quality of clay, from which it must be carefully separated. The blue pipe clay turns white on burning, except one English variety, which becomes red. The white clay turns a slight yellowish tinge in baking, but the red retains its color. The imported English clay has, when finished, a finer natural gloss than the domestic article, beside being much tougher. English pipes are frequently made with stems 30 inches long, while 7 inches is the usual length of an American pipe. But

domestic clay is far more porous, and consequently when manufactured into pipes is much better for smoking. The best pipe clay in the world is brought from Powhatan County, Va., though it is closely resembled by a variety found near Baltimore. From the places above named comes the bulk of the domestic pipe clay, though some small lots are found in Maryland. The Detroit and Canadian factories obtain their clay from the English markets, as it can be brought to them by the routes on the great lakes cheaper than the American product can be carried overland.

A skillful pipe molder earns from \$8 to \$16 per week, according to his ability and industry, but to receive the latter sum he must mold 256 pipes an hour and work 60 hours a week. When working by the piece, as is the usual custom, his wages are 20 cents a gross, but to allow for breakage and loss in baking, a molder's dozen is fixed at 16 instead of 12, and so to make a gross 192 pipes are required, instead of 144. The girls who polish and finish the pipes receive 5 cents per gross, and the manufacturer sells a three-gross box of complete pipes for \$1 to \$1.20, his gross consisting of 144. It will be seen that the profits of the business are large, as only simple machinery is required, the work all done by the piece, and the demand is generally good the year round.

Frictional Electricity in Mills.

A recent issue of the *Electrician* gives an interesting account of frictional electricity in mills, stating that one of the mills of the Evans Imitation Leather Co., at Salem, N. H., was set on fire in a very curious manner some months since. The goods of this company are a contradiction of the old college song, "There's nothing like leather," for it is cloth, covered with a preparation which resembles leather.

In the manufacture of this substance the cloth is carried between rollers beneath the coating mixture, and the surplus is removed with a long scraper. The compound is mixed with naphtha. A short time ago a man was reaching over the covering machine, when the frictional electricity generated at the rollers drew sparks from his fingers, which ignited the naphtha and destroyed the mill. In the other mills of this company, copper conductors leading to the earth were placed at every point where there was a liability of the production of frictional electricity, so that it is now impossible to obtain a spark by placing the knuckles at any belt.

The present process of calendering paper electrifies it, and the pile of sheets retain the static charge for a long time. Such paper cannot be printed with any facility, as every printer knows to his cost. In printing the calendered sheets of Gregory's seed catalogue, out of 90,000 sheets that were given to the printer 8100 were utterly ruined and many others were defective.

An example of the ability of highly-finished paper to retain a static charge can be seen by unfolding one of the semi-weekly issues of *Bradstreet's* upon a desk and rubbing it with dry hands briskly from the center to the edges; if the air is dry it will then retain its position upon a shallded door for a long time.

F. W. Bacon, the veteran mechanical engineer, recently gave an account of some interesting experiments which he made with frictional electricity in the mills of the Bristol Mfg. Co., at Waltham, Mass., in 1839. He states:

"A belt about 14 inches wide, running some 1200 feet per minute, was run from an adjacent building into the weave shop, over the looms. It was soon seen that four pairs of looms over which the belts passed were seriously affected. The weavers declared that it destroyed their hair—that it made it 'stand on end'; if a thread broke, it sought at once the belt; that all the dust of the shop accumulated around them, to fall on the webs when the mill stopped. It was impossible to get weavers to run them. The overseer of the room applied to me to help him out of the trouble, having exhausted his own patience in attempting to remedy the evil. I took a ¼-inch bar of iron, of sufficient length to cover the width of the belt, drilled holes through it (No. 10 wire gauge) 1½ inches apart, inserted pointed wires 2 inches long, fastened it up in the proper place, attached a No. 1 iron wire to the bar holding the points, carrying it off some 30 feet to the water-pipe. The remedy was complete; the hair fell, the broken threads also, and the dust stopped where it generated. I have used the same thing since with equal success.

The Hudson River Tunnel.—The work of pushing the tunnel under the Hudson River is progressing slowly, but steadily. On the New Jersey side the north tunnel has, up to the present time, been built out for a distance of 1600 feet, while the south tunnel is some 600 feet in length. The last section of the north tunnel on the New York side was finished about a month since, and work was immediately opened on the south shaft, opening it from the caisson. This is now in progress, and nothing is being done on the north tunnel or on the New Jersey side. Judging from present indications the promoters of the scheme seem to be fully confident of ultimate success, and though no definite time has been stated at the end of which the tunnel will be completed, there is reason to believe that the work will be finished at no very distant date.

The illuminations at Moscow during the coronation ceremonies were produced in the following manner: The Tower of Ivan the Great and its side galleries were lit up by 3500 small Edison lamps, fed by 18 portable engines, which moved a number of dynamo-electric machines of every existing system. The portable engines and machines were kept on the other bank of the Moskwa. The sheds communicated with the tower by 70 aerial electric wires. On the ramparts of the Kremlin toward the river 8 large and 10 smaller electric suns threw their light over the river. The rest of the illuminations consisted in 200,000 lamps and 30,000 colored-glass globes, 50,000 lanterns of Venetian glass, 600,000 tapers, and 10,800 pounds of fireworks.

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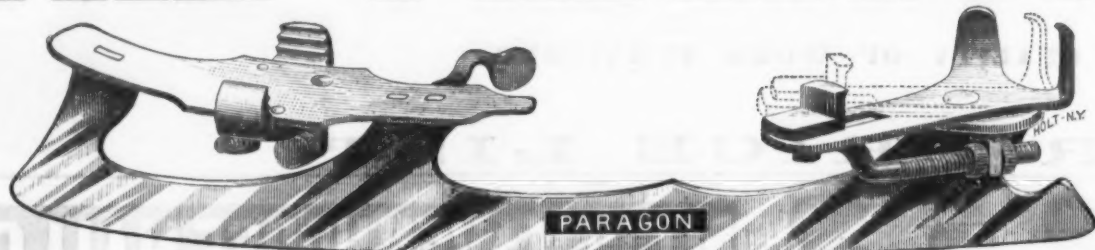


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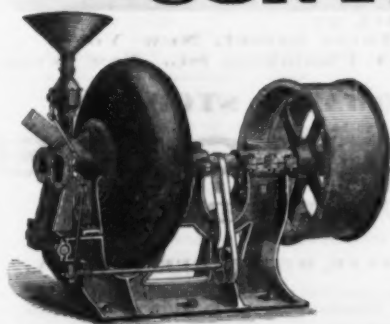
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An oliver is a tool not much known in the Eastern part of the country, and yet one which the older workmen were in the habit of using to good advantage. A. Standish, of the Capital Machine Works, Columbus, Ohio, had a hammer of this kind on exhibition which possessed many advantages over the older style and will prove for many purposes a very desirable tool. It had an iron stand and a frame with buffers above to take the rebound, and steel springs below to raise the hammer head. It was worked by foot through a rock shaft and arm, and has a very wide range of usefulness. It was especially designed for making light forgings in dies cut to the shape of the work, for welding that is difficult to perform by hand, such as carriages, dash-corners, cross-bars, &c., and for work that does not require a helper to handle the work, a smith, it is said, will do more and better work than smith and helper can do without it.

Link belts in all their various adaptations have worked a great revolution in certain classes of machinery, and have made a great many things possible which before were impracticable or exceedingly inconvenient. In harvesting machines, for example, the substitution of flat chains or belts instead of leather has given the machine a power and convenience that were unknown when the old-fashioned leather belt was necessary for driving the different parts of the mechanism. One of the curious outgrowths of these flat belts was shown at the Chicago Exposition. It was an endless freight conveyor, depending, of course only incidentally, upon the use of an endless flat chain, but nevertheless calling up the decided advantages of such belts. This endless freight conveyor has several forms. One of them is that of a constantly moving platform upon which the articles to be conveyed are laid, and which carries them along and discharges them upon a floor or platform at any convenient position. Another form was used for carrying boxes or cans from one floor to another. A V-shaped trough was laid between the two points, in the bottom of which a chain ran, carrying at short intervals teeth or sprockets. All that was necessary to do was to drop a box or can into the trough, when it would be at once caught by a tooth and conveyed to the distant point, when an attendant removed it. In this way transportation was made as rapid as the goods could be handled. The machinery was exhibited by the Link Belt Machinery Co., Chicago.

Lyman & L. La Rue Smith, 574 Carroll avenue, Chicago, exhibited a system for moving grain, seeds, meal, sand, sugar, coal, sawdust, tanbark, or, in fact, any similar substance, which was certainly among the simplest and most effective which we have ever examined. The motive power was a blast of air. In some cases it was obtained by forcing air into a reservoir containing the grain, and in other cases by exhausting the air from a reservoir into which it was desired to have the grain flow. When this was done a tube leading, say, from a grain elevator to a freight car, sucked up the grain with a speed which was certainly astonishing, considering the small sizes of the apparatus which were shown. We have no particulars in regard to the apparatus, but we should suppose that it would be easy to unload half a dozen cars at the same time without dust, and much more quickly than any ordinary system would be able to do it. The tube entering the car is made flexible, so that it can be directed into any portion of it, and the grain is sucked up from the corners as well as the center. It is a curious fact, not generally known, that a blast of air or steam passing rapidly through a pipe will convey very heavy substances, even through an exceedingly crooked pipe. We have known peat to be carried several hundred feet through what would be equivalent to a steam-heating coil pipe, only of somewhat larger diameter. All the turns were made and the discharge was as free, apparently, as though a simple straight tube had been used. This did not require a very powerful blast, nor apparently a high speed.

The Exhaust Ventilator Co., 111 Monroe street, Chicago, had an exhibit of their exhaust ventilator fans or exhaust-wheels. The power of these wheels is quite astonishing, and their cheapness makes them available in many places where other forms of ventilating wheels cannot conveniently be used, either on account of the size or the power required to drive them. The wheels run at a comparatively slow rate of speed, but the amount of air they are capable of handling is dependent rather upon the pitch of the veins than on the speed of the wheel. Many of our readers are familiar with the construction. The wheel is practically a screw propeller, so arranged, however, that centrifugal force is eliminated as a factor in the operation of the fans.

The S. Sponson Car Truck Mfg. Co., Mills Building, New York, had an exhibit which thoughtful railroad men examined with much care and interest. Almost every recognized principle in building the ordinary truck is in his truck ignored, and a construction employed which is decidedly at variance with many of the previously conceived ideas of railway men. The journals—or, rather, each axle—have a longitudinal motion across the truck, and what may be called the equivalent of the swing-beam of the truck has no side motion whatever, but carries upon a rocker arm the car bolster. This gives a double swinging motion, so that one side of the truck can move ahead or lag behind the other to a certain extent with perfect freedom, and the axles can swing backward and forward without disturbing the movement of the truck. A criticism on so wide but carefully studied departure from ordinary methods as this will be out of order until experience can demonstrate the value of the principles.

Mr. W. H. D. Newth, 103 Adams street, Chicago, had on exhibition a dumping ash can which, by pulling a lever in the cab, dumped the ashes from the whole pan upon the track. There was no crawling under the engine nor raking them out. The whole was done instantly and at any desired point, either along the line or over a special dump.

We did not see this at work, but we did see a very curious dump wagon on a similar principle drop its load in the most extraordinarily quick and satisfactory manner. The bottom of the wagon and the bottom of the ash-pan were formed of a series of leaves which, when the lever was tripped, hung downward, leaving the bottom open except for their edges. In the wagon they were restored to position by pulling each one up into position with a hook and stepping on it. The ash-pan was made so that it was only necessary to return the lever to its original place, when the bottom would then shut. The wagon, we believe, was manufactured by the Illinois Wagon Co., 162 Washington street, Chicago, and was the invention of Mr. Dougine, the vice-president of the company.

The Shay locomotive, manufactured by E. Shay, Haring, Mich., was one of the most extraordinary exhibits shown. A locomotive boiler and an ordinary tender tank are carried on one frame, and have trucks beneath the boiler and under the tank. The fire-box comes between the trucks, which are four or six wheel, as the case may be. The motive power is a vertical engine which drives a shaft running the whole length of the engine. This shaft has ball and socket joints and thimbles, so that it can bend vertically or horizontally, and lengthen or shorten, as may be necessary. Each axle has a bevel gear which meshes into a similar wheel on the driving shaft. This makes every wheel a driver, and gives the greatest possible amount of adhesion to the rail with a minimum weight upon any wheel. The engines are flexible, to a degree which is almost beyond belief, in both vertical and horizontal directions. We have forgotten now just how short a curve they can pass, but on the logging roads where they are used the curves are made of whatever radius happens to be convenient. They are run from 8 to 15 miles an hour, and will haul loads which really seem tremendous when their comparatively light weight is taken into account. They are used on steep grades, and the smaller sizes up to a weight of 8 tons can be used on any good wooden track. We have particulars in regard to the grades which some of them can overcome, and it is astonishing to see what they are capable of doing. These roads are built at an estimated cost of \$2700 a mile for the lightest iron track that is recommended. Many of the larger lumbering companies, however, are using steel rails instead of iron, and consider them the most economical.

Snow plows, like car couplers, were well represented at the exposition. One regulation plow, well built, well designed and full size, was shown, but there were several devices, one of them full size, which it struck us would operate far better on exhibition or in a light fall of snow than in attacking a cut that had been drifted full of snow sufficiently solid to lift an engine off from the rails or wreck it if a fair plunge was made. One little arrangement which attracted slight attention from the casual visitor and which was a good deal laughed at by some who looked at it, exhibited by Lyman Morgan, Port Washington, Wis., struck us as having the germ of a good thing. Two vertical wheels set in the faces of a very sharp plow were fitted with shallow knives to cut and distribute the snow. These were driven by a stationary engine on a car in the rear. The short point of the plow projecting beyond these wheels was sufficiently sharp so that it could be thrust into a bank far enough to allow the wheels to begin their work. If stoutly constructed and driven with power, they were so arranged that they could do their duty even against a bank of ice. Modifications may be found necessary, but certainly the invention contained the germ of a good idea and was a step in the right direction. A great many of the snow-plow exhibits were evidently designed by men who had never seen a bank of snow packed hard enough to carry a railway train and to make it difficult to get even a narrow edge spade in without striking a blow.

No description of the exposition would be complete without some mention of the car couplers, which, for very good reasons, had the gallery largely to themselves. We do not remember now the number of couplers which were exhibited, but it is safe to say there were quite as many as were ever seen before in any one place except the Master Car Builders' rooms in Liberty street. These exhibits were the most pathetic of any in the whole show. The idea that a car coupler is needed has taken possession of thousands of men all over the country who have a taste for mechanics. Generally without much knowledge of railroading, they attempt an invention which by its difficulty has staggered the best inventive talent in the country, and the result is that we have on our Patent Office records something over three thousand inventions, probably 99 per cent. of which are useless and will only be a source of expense to the inventor. Here and there one may be seen which has a little merit, but the majority of them are hopelessly bad, and few men have the heart to tell one of these inventors how utterly useless all their labor and expenditure of time and money have been. Little that was new in this line, and at the same time likely to be useful, was shown. Few railway men are willing to say that the coupler of the future is yet invented. How these couplers are looked upon can best be guessed by the sign which was placed over an exhibit in the "Annex," reading to this effect: "This is not a car coupler, but a trolley for rolling mills and other places where it is necessary to handle heavy weights."

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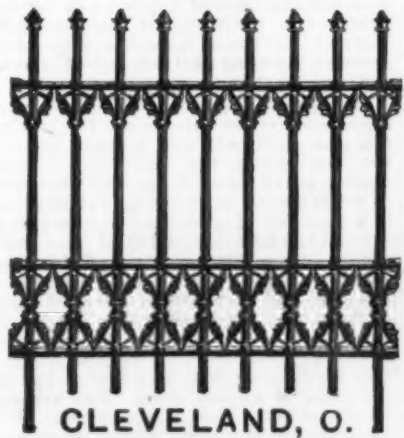
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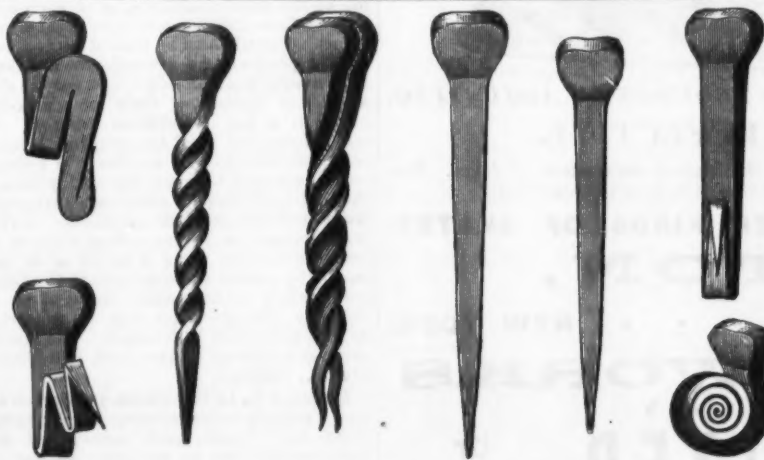
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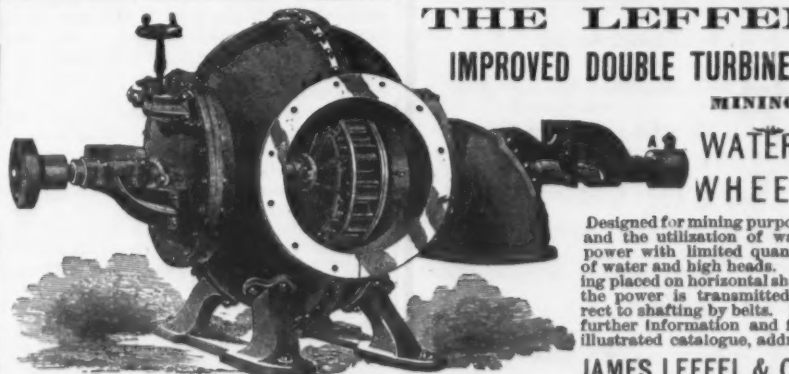
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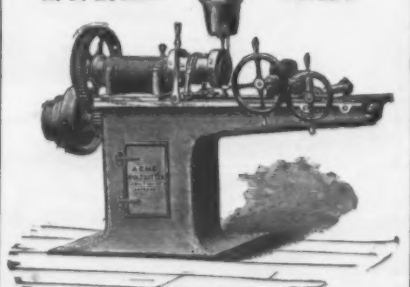
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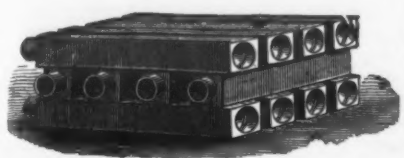
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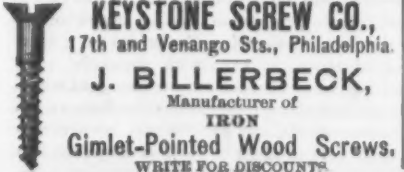
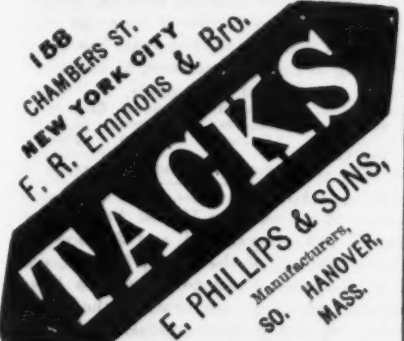
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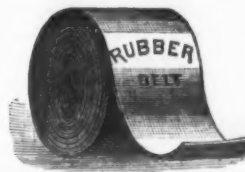
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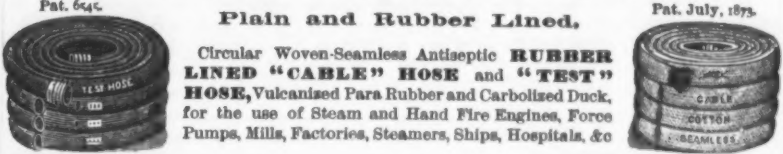
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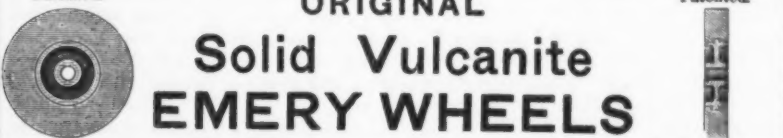
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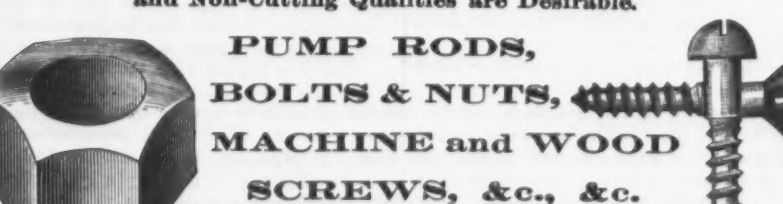
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Post & Co., 161 West Pearl street, Cincinnati, Ohio, showed a variety of headlights, from a small galvanized iron affair 17 inches in diameter, up to the largest size of their adjustable headlights. The largest sizes of these are mounted on their swinging frame in such a way that the lamp can be lighted without the necessity for opening the door. They have headlights with Nicholson's side signal numbers, and with a variety of improvements, among others a match-striker for headlight burners, by the use of which the match is lighted after it is inserted within the burner. The workmanship throughout of these burners is exceedingly perfect. They are made in a great variety of styles and are exceedingly powerful.

Of hand-cars, velocipedes and otherwise, there was a great showing at Chicago, and an evident attempt had been made to provide light, strong and swift cars which would require but a small effort to propel them at a high rate of speed. Judging from appearances, this effort had been successful, and there were a number of cars on exhibition which seemed to fill the bill to perfection. Barnum, Richardson & Co., Salisbury, Conn., had an exhibit of iron ore and charcoal pig iron which attracted a good deal of attention. They prepared a pamphlet for distribution in which analyses, &c., of their ores were given, together with tensile strength, &c., of metal made from it. We tested some of this iron very carefully half a dozen years ago, and found it of the most extraordinarily good quality. Some test pieces cut from the pig behaved very much more like wrought than cast iron, and after reaching their maximum tensile strain fell off several thousand pounds before breaking. When tested in a Thurston torsional machine they gave, of course, a very short curve, but one which had decidedly more resemblance to wrought than to cast metal, the break taking place some distance after the maximum had been reached, and the iron twisting through several degrees before parting.

One of the novelties at Chicago was the Miltimore elastic steel car-wheel. The company's address is 51 Dearborn street, Chicago. The idea of the wheel is a most peculiar one. A steel tire is supported by a series of spokes, held in place by a hub, in some respects resembling that of an ordinary wagon hub. The spokes are flat bars, but are twisted through half a revolution and have a hole punched through them at the point where the twist takes place. This results in giving them a certain amount of elasticity. Each spoke is held in place by a shallow mortise in the tire of the wheel, and a pin or dowel projecting from the spoke. The wheel is exceedingly ingenious, and the samples we saw very well made. Mr. Miltimore, the inventor, has had a long experience in railway matters, and his work cannot be classed with that of the amateurs; hence we shall look with a good deal of interest to the performance of this very remarkable piece of mechanism.

One of the most original cushioned wheels was the Cooper, shown by the Boston Standard Wheel Co., Boston, Mass. Here we have a steel tire held upon a cast-iron center by a most peculiar method of construction. The tire slips over the center in such a way as to make a tight joint at the two faces, but leaves a thin opening at the center all the way around the wheel. Into this opening india-rubber is forced by hydraulic pressure through several openings made in the cast-iron center. The rubber is then vulcanized in the ordinary way by submitting the wheel to heat. The union between center and tire is, of course, exceedingly perfect, and little danger would be anticipated from loose tires. It is claimed that by this construction a sufficient amount of elasticity is obtained, and that such wheels cannot be broken by use. They are guaranteed to make a mileage of 500,000 miles, and there seems little reason to doubt their ability to do so.

One of the inventions shown at Chicago was an improved closet ventilator, by which, when the car was in motion, a continuous downward current of air was maintained through the hopper of the closet. This was accomplished merely by the use of proper deflectors in front and behind the hopper opening. It is a simple affair, it is true, but it would be a great source of comfort to travelers if something of the sort could be universally adopted.

W. G. Creamer & Co., 95 John street, New York, had an exhibit of their ventilators and other car goods which was worthy of notice. Some of the new basket racks were exceedingly pretty and in good taste. A question, however, was raised the other day in regard to basket racks which it might be well for manufacturers of them to consider, and that was whether a folding rack could not be made which would be just as serviceable and more ornamental than those at present in use. Generally only two or three racks in a whole car are occupied, the others projecting and occupying space to no purpose. A folding rack would, of course, be quite as useful when wanted, and would give, when shut back against the side or head lining, a much better appearance.

The Washburn Steel Car Wheel Co., of Hartford, Conn., had a fine exhibit of steel-tired cast-iron wheels. These wheels, our readers will remember, are of a peculiar character. A very hard crucible steel tire is made in the ordinary way by hammering and rolling, then dropped into a mold and a cast-iron center poured into it, which welds itself thoroughly to the hot steel tire. This process enables a very hard and durable tire to be used with safety. The mileage of these wheels is quite extraordinary, and a sufficient number of them have not been worn out, though some of them have run 520,000 miles, to enable a fair estimate to be made in regard to their average life.

Geo. R. Meneely & Co., West Troy, N. Y., had a very neat exhibit of Hopkins's lead-lined journal bearings. Those who have not had much experience in the use of a lead-lined brass have little idea of the peculiar advantages which it has over the unlubricated boxes, no matter how carefully they may be finished.

The wearing surface of a lead-lined box, we think, shows a greater perfection than can possibly be obtained by any single metal. The lead seems to fill up the pores of the brass, cement the particles worn off into place, and secure a perfection of the surface not possible with plain bronze. Their performance on railroads has been extraordinary, and ought to be sufficient to convince any one of their very great advantages.

The Anglo-American Roofing Co. showed some very pretty samples of metallic roofing and shingling, and also some corrugated sheet-iron siding especially adapted for large buildings, like grain elevators, &c. This siding is applied in such a way that it is not affected by the settling together of the walls. The V-shaped grooves are 4 inches apart and the sheet is 26 x 32 inches. Other sizes, however, can be had if desired.

The Iron Mines of Michigan.

In his annual review of the iron mining and other industries of the upper peninsula of Michigan, Mr. A. P. Swineford submits the following interesting facts relating to the iron mines of that State:

In the summer of 1845 a discovery was made which afterward developed into what is now known as the Jackson mine, situated within the corporate limits of the city of Negaunee. The first ore was mined in 1846, and the first iron ever made from upper peninsula ore (except a small bar made in a blacksmith's forge) was turned out at the old Jackson bloomery, which was situated a few miles east of Negaunee, on the Carp River, in February, 1848. The first shipment of ore from the upper peninsula comprised about five tons, which was sent to Newcastle, Pa. A test of these five tons served to attract the attention of Pennsylvania and Ohio ironmasters to this new field of supply for their furnaces; but, nevertheless, comparatively little was accomplished toward its development until, in 1852, about 70 tons of Jackson ore was sent to the "Old Clay" Furnace, at Sharon, Pa., which had the honor of making the first pig iron from Lake Superior ore. Regular shipments to lower lake ports did not commence, however, until the summer of 1855, in which year the St. Mary's Falls ship canal was so far completed as to afford an outlet to the lower lakes. From June, 1855, therefore, dates the actual history of iron mining in the upper peninsula, though some thousands of tons of ore had been mined and manufactured into blooms at the Jackson, Forest, Collins and Marquette forges previous to that date.

The first ore was hauled to the lakeside, at Marquette in wagons, over a rough wagon road, until the completion of a plank road in 1856, which was subsequently converted into a tramway, this being in turn superseded by a railroad (now a part of the Marquette, Houghton and Ontonagon), which was completed to the Jackson and Cleveland mines in 1857. Previous to the completion of the railway to those mines, there had been shipped to and smelted at the three forges referred to 52,000 tons of ore, and the primitive condition of the mines, together with the uncertainty of the market at that early day, may be inferred from the fact that the entire output of the district in 1858 was only 22,000 tons. This product was increased to 68,832 tons in 1859, and when, in 1860, a product of over 100,000 tons was achieved, those interested in the development of the region began to prophesy future results which, though wild and visionary they may have then been considered by many, have since been more than realized. In 1860 the entire aggregate production of the district had reached 348,074 tons, an annual product of 200,000 tons not being arrived at until 1864. Since then the annual product has been steadily increased, until we have to report the enormous output of 2,336,335 gross tons in 1881 and 2,943,314 gross tons in 1882.

Picking up Broken Cables.—The laying of telegraphic cables, says the *Electrical Review*, is now so common that the description of the machinery for picking up a broken one will be read with interest. It consists of a rope about 1 1/4 inches in diameter, made from the strongest hemp, with interwoven wires of fine steel. The grapnel at the end is merely a solid shaft of iron some 2 feet long, and weighing about 100 pounds, and prolonged into six blunt hooks, which much resemble the partly closed fingers of the human hand. In picking up the cable in deep water, the Minia, after reaching the waters near the break, lets out her rope and grapnel, then takes a course at right angles to the cable and at some distance from the fracture, so that the broken ends may not slip through the grapnel. The grapnel rope is attached to a dynamometer, which exactly measures the strain on the rope, and shows unerringly when the cable has been caught. If the grapnel fouls a rock, the strain rises very suddenly to a high point; but the exact weight of the cable being known, the dynamometer signals by the steady rate of increase its hold on the cable far below. The ease and certainty with which cables are picked up in these days is amazing. A while ago one of the lines of the Anglo-American Co. was caught without trouble, at a depth of 2 1/4 miles, near the middle of the Atlantic. Captain Trot, of the Minia, who has won great fame for his skill and ingenuity in cable matters, but recently picked up the French cable 180 miles off St. Pierre, and in four hours from the time the grapnel was let go had the cable spliced and in working condition. The splicing is a work of great delicacy and skill, and when accomplished by trained fingers the spliced part can scarcely be distinguished from the main cord.

It is claimed that the largest gas main in the world is now being laid through Westminster, England. Its diameter is 4 feet, and more than 23 miles of this 4-foot main in four diverging lines have already been laid, the work having been begun 10 years ago. It is thought that some interesting experimental data on the flow of gases through large, long pipes might be obtainable from this.

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Importations of Iron Ore.

The new tariff makes a difference of 25 or 30 per cent. in favor of American iron ores, and is quite sure to lessen importations of the inferior grades. But there will be little change in the importations of Bessemer grades, which have long paid about the same duties as now. Another question of some interest relates to the plans of the gentlemen who contemplate importing iron ore from Cuba. A railroad is now in progress from these mines to the coast, and it will soon be opened. But how a profitable business can be done in these ores does not yet appear. At the present prices of finished material ores must be very low in prices to be purchased here at all. It is certain that consumers will buy if they can afford to, and not otherwise. Heretofore, importations of iron ore have depended mainly on the condition of the grain trade, grain being relied upon for a return cargo, so that when our exports of corn or wheat were heaviest, ore freights ruled low and importations of ore were correspondingly large. All this is changed now, and has been for the last two years, so that the promised revival of grain exports, as a consequence of low prices, no longer enters into the calculation. Ore importers simply ask "What can we lay it down for in this market?"

Philadelphia is pleased just now in prospect of the arrival at that port of nine ore-laden vessels, a somewhat unusual occurrence, the diversion to New York and Baltimore during the last three years having been almost complete. Pittsburgh, as is well known, consumes largely of foreign ores for foundry and Bessemer purposes, and the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad has afforded specially favorable rates to several important establishments, thus taking the lion's share. New York, however, has held her own very well in the competition, as appears from the following table, showing the total importations of ores for the last three years:

	1880.	1881.	1882.
Baltimore.....	170,358	375,798	243,183
New York.....	148,087	126,419	145,000
Phi adelphia.....	120,619	155,554	111,044
Other ports.....	53,494	55,408	80,020
Total.....	493,408	788,888	589,655

New York shippers claim that freights are 50 cents to \$1 in favor of this city, compared with Philadelphia. Some 50,000 tons of ore will be due here before January 1st, of which three cargoes are on their way. Beyond this there are no definite expectations, and nothing to encourage a belief that the business can prosper. African ores are

shipped hither, because they are in the hands of a syndicate who simply watch the state of the market. The capital employed is English and French.

The present relations of the tariff appear from this simple statement: Heretofore all crude minerals paid 20 per cent. ad valorem, the average duty being about 56 cents. The new tariff imposes 75 cents specific duty, making the actual increase 19 cents, or, say, 20 per cent. But the importing interest is likely to suffer much more seriously from the competition of domestic ores of high grade than from any change in the tariff. This competition is strongest within the area of country where the foreign ores are most in demand. The Bessemer ores of the Hudson River Valley and the Adirondack region will bear transportation far enough West to meet the Lake Superior and Missouri ores coming East, and the abundant ores of Tennessee, Virginia and North Carolina will soon come far enough North to supplement any deficiency which they are adapted to fill. In the face of this domestic competition, the area of country profitably open to foreign ores would seem to be growing very small.

The Metal Brokers' Association.

The metal brokers of New York are now organizing an association with objects which commend it to the favorable consideration of all branches of the trade. It has been needed for a long time, both for the definition of the status of a broker and for his protection, as well as for the protection of the merchants with whom and for whom he does business. During the past few years the conditions under which a brokerage business in metals is conducted have changed very much. The broker is required to assume important responsibilities, and, even though abstaining from transactions in which he figures as principal, he must in many cases conduct large operations in which the security of the seller depends entirely upon the responsibility of the broker. It is important, also, that the merchants should know who are legitimately brokers and who are not. This is especially necessary now, as it is by no means unusual for merchants' clerks and others having access to the floor of the Metal Exchange to engage in little operations as amateur brokers whenever an opportunity offers to make a commission, as principals when they see a chance for a little speculation, and as clerks when they are doing business for their employers. There is also need of some organization of brokers to which only those actually in the business as brokers, and who are properly qualified by knowledge and experience to act in that capacity, can secure admission or claim recognition. It will be understood of course, that membership in such an association in no sense changes the legal status of a broker, nor does it hinder any one not a member from going into the business if he chooses to do so. But it will undoubtedly go a good way toward protecting brokers from the competition of "amateur casuals" on "Change or in the street, and toward protecting merchants against being caught in traps laid for them by men who make claims for commissions for services either not rendered or rendered in such a way as give them a legal claim to compensation for which they have no moral claim. We have known a great many cases in which merchants have had to pay commissions recovered by suit for services they were not aware were being rendered. Such claims have gone far to bring the brokerage business into disrepute, and to embarrass the legitimate brokers in the discharge of their business.

The organization now forming has no necessary connection with the New York Metal Exchange, as it will probably include many brokers who are not now members of that organization. There is every probability, however, that it will be officially recognized by the exchange, and that its rules will govern the business between brokers on its floor, as well as that between brokers and merchants. If we are correctly informed as to the plan of organization proposed, it is not intended to make the association a close corporation, nor to exclude any one who has a right to claim admission. It will, however, be limited to those who are legitimately in business as brokers, and only as brokers, and those who, upon evidence of good character and proper qualifications, desire to become brokers. Its rules will undoubtedly be recognized as defining the trade usages, and will be respected by the courts in suits growing out of brokerage transactions. The brokers seek no advantage through organization which they do not now enjoy in the course of regular business, but the reorganization of the exchange has rendered such an association necessary, and if its rules are as wise and reasonable as we expect they will be, we shall be surprised if it does not do much to harmonize the elements, to some extent conflicting, which are represented in the membership.

Many will perhaps be surprised to learn that Captain Eads's much-talked-of ship railway across the Isthmus of Tehuantepec has been begun. Captain Eads, having changed the views formerly held regarding the project, has secured ample grants from the Mexican Government to permit the prosecution of the work, and ground was broken at the Atlantic terminus of the railway, in the latter part of May, some 150 miles southeast along the Mexican coast from Vera Cruz, almost directly south of Galveston and a little south of west of New Orleans.

Smoke Prevention.

It will perhaps be remembered by many that the difficulty experienced in Cincinnati some time ago in connection with the smoke nuisance led to the adoption of an anti-smoke ordinance, and the appointment of an inspector, Mr. Clement Olhaber, to enforce it. The labors of the latter, however, do not appear to have been rewarded with material success, and though some abatement of the evil may have been effected, the general opinion still is that there is now as much smoke as ever. An assertion of no little importance, as affecting the smoke question, is now made by a Western paper, which states that the impracticability of the ordinance passed in Cincinnati consists in one word—it requires all furnaces to "consume" their smoke, a thing which, as is generally known, cannot be done. Change "consume" into "prevent," remarks the inspector, and the ordinance will be of some use, for smoke can be prevented, though not consumed. The trouble thus far experienced would seem to us to have arisen from the fact that the term "smoke," in its widest application, is generally made to include all the products of combustion issuing from the chimney, while, in reality, it should be restricted to the particles of solid carbon mingled with the escaping gases or sooty portions only of the escaping products. It is a generally-known fact that when coal is thrown upon a fire the effect is to break off small pieces here and there, owing to unequal expansion, and the strong draft created by the chimney is sufficient to carry off these particles with the products of combustion. It should further be remarked that as very few analyses of smoke are on record, there is a generally mistaken notion as to the percentage of carbon thus carried off and present in the smoke, and its proportion has been so generally overrated that within a few years the markets have literally been flooded with numbers of so-called smoke consuming devices. In very many cases these inventions have been accompanied by most absurd claims as to their efficiencies in the way of consuming smoke and the consequent saving in fuel. We are glad to note, however, that the impossibility of consuming smoke is being more generally understood. As very properly suggested by the Cincinnati smoke inspector, the whole matter lies in the hands of the stoker or fireman, and it is he that makes all the smoke by firing in a clumsy and slovenly manner, smothering the fire with quantities of fresh coal thrown on so as to convert it into a bank of half-extinguished fire which can do nothing but smolder. An even distribution of the fuel by adding it in small quantities will do much to insure a satisfactory result, and the inspector's plan is to require every fireman in the city to have a license, and before he is granted the license to subject him to a practical examination to test his ability for the work on hand. If, in the regular course of his business, a licensed stoker should permit his chimney to smoke, he should be subject to a fine, with the prospect of having his license taken away.

In order not to convey a wrong impression of our estimation of the value of smoke-preventing devices, we would state that there are a number now in use which justify many of the claims made for them. These devices are so arranged that when burning any fuel rich in hydrocarbon a sufficient quantity of air can be admitted to convert the carbon into carbonic acid, and still maintain a high temperature in the furnace. They are, as the rule, provided with regulating devices for the admission of air, and in several which are known to us the supply of air is divided into two portions, one for the fire-box and the other for the combustion chamber. As a general thing, smoke prevention in poorly-constructed furnaces is attended with great practical difficulties, the principal one being the admission of air over the fire in a sufficient quantity to convert the small particles of carbon into carbonic acid, and at the same time not lower the temperature of the furnace. In admitting air above the fuel, unless it can be supplied at a high temperature, it may be a worse evil than the smoke itself by lowering the temperature of the gases in the furnace to a point below which ignition is insured. In stationary boiler furnaces a number of different plans have been carried into effect, with the aim of producing satisfactory results, and one of the most common plans has been to lengthen the grate by carrying the bridge wall further back. In this manner, as will readily be seen, an increased grate surface and a slower rate of combustion are attained, and this, together with intelligent firing, may be a means of largely reducing the escape of soot and carbon. Fire doors having perforations, fan-blades in connection with closed ash-pits, and several other methods, have also been tried and have been productive of more or less gratifying results. Many of these methods reduce the quantity of smoke, and some even prevent its formation entirely.

We are not in the least surprised that Mr. Olhaber's official work in Cincinnati has been attended with unsatisfactory results. He has done the best he could, but he has been handicapped by an imperfect law, and only in part sustained by public opinion. The only way this question will ever be met is by an ordinance forbidding the production of smoke in furnaces, and leaving to furnace owners the adoption of means for the suppression of the nuisance. It can be done; furnace owners know it, and when they are prevented from maintaining the public

nuisance of smoky chimneys, they will not need a bureau of experts to tell them how to avoid smoke. A mandatory enactment without conditions would not be a hardship, and would promptly settle the whole trouble.

The Condition of the Stove Trade.

Mr. John S. Perry, of Albany, has compiled from reports submitted at the meeting of the National Association of Stove Manufacturers, held at Niagara last month, an interesting and valuable report showing the condition of the stove trade in different parts of the country. The extent and importance of this industry, and its intimate connection with the production and distributive interests represented by *The Iron Age*, entitle this report to some consideration in our columns.

Mr. Perry's report shows that while the situation of the stove business is relatively better in some parts of the country than in others, its general position is not as unsatisfactory as many have supposed. In the New England States the productive capacity of the stove foundries has been increased from 15 to 20 per cent. within the past six months, but the entire capacity has not been used, and the increase of production during this period is probably not more than 5 per cent. New York foundries have increased their facilities for production very little, say 1 per cent., and those of Pennsylvania not over 5 per cent., but, owing to stoppages from one cause or another, New York's production shows a falling off of 10 to 15 per cent., and that of Pennsylvania about as much. South of the Ohio River the facilities for production have been increased from 20 to 25 per cent., but the production shows only 10 to 15 per cent. increase as compared with the first half of last year. In the Northwest the foundry capacity shows an increase of 20 per cent., with 5 per cent. increase of production. Averaging the reports, Mr. Perry concludes that the foundry capacity of the country is at least 12 1/2 per cent. greater than at this time in 1882, but that the production does not show any increase. This would seem to indicate that manufacturers are disposed to follow a conservative course, and to keep stocks well in hand.

In New England the sales up to June 30th were found to be from 7 1/2 to 10 per cent. less than during the same time last year. In New York they were about the same as last year. In Pennsylvania they show 10 per cent. less distribution. South of the Ohio River the sales are about the same as last year. In the Northwest the sales are 10 per cent. less. Averaging these reports, Mr. Perry finds that sales up to June 30th were about 7 1/2 per cent. less than last year. This does not prove as much as it might seem to at first glance. Last year dealers were somewhat too precipitous in placing orders and ordered somewhat too heavily. This year it is natural we should experience something of a reaction. Every year the dealer feels safer than he did the year before in placing his orders late and with caution. The increasing competition and the establishment of warehouses in the West with large stocks, greatly promote the dealer's convenience in this matter. Better facilities for rapid and cheap transportation enable him to replenish his stock with frequent and small orders, and so keep his stock and his indebtedness well in hand. He hears a good deal more about the inability of makers to fill orders than he knows about from experience, and is not by any means easily frightened by the suggestion that unless he buys early and largely he may "get left." What he wants to avoid most is finding himself "left" with a large stock in his cellar and no money to pay his four months' notes. The whole policy of management in the stove trade is calculated to encourage delays in purchases on the part of the dealer, and considering the fact that last year many dealers purchased somewhat too liberally, we are surprised that the falling off in sales is not more than 7 1/2 per cent. Later sales will probably bring up the average.

As to stocks, Mr. Perry's data are probably somewhat incomplete, but they are the best available. In the New England States, according to the report, manufacturers are carrying 5 to 7 1/2 per cent. more stock than at this time last year, but dealers' stocks are light—probably no greater than at this time last year. In New York manufacturers carry 10 per cent. larger stocks; dealers carry no more, if as much. In Pennsylvania manufacturers' stocks are 15 per cent. greater; dealers' stocks about as last year. South of the Ohio manufacturers' stocks are 25 per cent. greater; dealers' stocks are 10 per cent. less. In the North-west manufacturers carry 10 per cent. larger stocks; dealers about the same as last year. The light spring trade accounts for the size of manufacturers' stocks, as well as for the fact that dealers are not oversupplied. The increase in the oil and vapor stove business, which is not noted in these statistics, has had an important influence on the spring and summer trade in other classes of goods. Averaging the figures, Mr. Perry finds that the stocks in manufacturers' hands are 12 1/2 per cent. greater than at this time last year; stocks in dealers' hands are light. This is really the normal condition of things. Under the present system manufacturers have to carry the stocks, and their season of distribution is every year becoming shorter. Their business requires more capital than formerly, but it is safer than if based upon a more extended credit.

Prices, according to the reports, have been

fairly well maintained, except in the North-west, where they have been from 2 to 3 per cent. lower. Mr. Perry ventures the assumption, however, that prices have averaged 2 1/2 per cent. lower than last year, and in this we think he is quite within the truth. However, it is a cause for congratulation that nothing like a panicky feeling has existed in the trade. The situation is by no means discouraging, and the upward tendency of foundry iron will probably correct any disposition which might exist with a weak iron market to "sell at any price." Mr. Perry concludes his report with a statement of his opinion that with iron at \$20 per ton, stoves of average assortment cannot be made under \$100 per ton, exclusive of nickel and extra trimmings. Every one in the trade will agree with him that stoves are sold too cheaply, but there seems to be no way in which the average price can be advanced, and the problem will have to be left to work itself out by the operation of natural laws.

British Colonial Trade.

A pamphlet recently published in England, and relating to the manufactured exports from Great Britain to European States and other foreign countries, including the United States, gives some comparative figures which are suggestive. It appears that while the exports to foreign countries have been steadily declining for the last ten years, the exports to the British Colonies, especially Australia and New Zealand, have more than made up the loss, as shown in the appended figures:

	To foreign countries.	To Colonies.
1870.....	\$46,000,000	\$22,000,000
1880.....	\$46,000,000	\$22,000,000
Decrease.....	\$10,500,000	.....
Increase.....	.....	\$70,500,000

The value of the total export and import trade of Great Britain to foreign countries and the Colonies from 1873 to 1877 is given as follows:

	With foreign countries.	With Colonies.
1873.....	\$2,650,000,000	\$700,000,000
1877.....	\$2,410,000,000	\$825,000,000
Decrease.....	\$240,000,000	.....
Increase.....	.....	\$125,000,000

This statement, then, shows an appreciable diminution in the entire trade, amounting, as shown, to \$175,000,000 in five years, while the Colonial trade, on the other hand, shows a remarkable increase during the same time. The trade of England with most other foreign countries declined about 9 per cent. from 1873 to 1877 inclusive. As to France, Belgium, Holland, Sweden and Norway—among the best customers of England—the decline was about 4 1/2 per cent. in the five years. New Zealand, Tasmania and Australia, though numbering not more than 3,500,000 inhabitants, are classed among the best Colonial customers, and owing to the probability of their extended future development, the outlook for a large increase of British trade in that direction is not without promise.

The Late Rise in Silver.

The sudden rise in the price of silver during the latter half of June, this year, of 1/4d. per ounce in the London market, invites attention. The production of silver, as compared with that of gold, last year, has been, according to English estimates, as under:

	Gold.	Silver.	Total.
America.....	\$41,000,000	\$83,250,000	\$124,250,000
Europe.....	31,000,000	3,800,000	34,800,000
Asia.....	3,000,000	5,000,000	8,000,000
Australia and Africa.....	41,000,000	1,050,000	42,050,000
Total.....	\$118,000,000	\$94,000,000	\$212,000,000

Toward the above the United States contributed \$32,500,000 gold and \$46,800,000 silver; Mexico, of the latter, \$24,000,000. In other words, these two countries have furnished about 49 per cent. of the entire product of the precious metals combined. During the past 30 years the annual gold product has decreased one-half, while that of silver has doubled. The only country where gold production has increased rapidly since 1877 is Russia, whose product last year was estimated at \$30,000,000, although, according to the official statistics collected by Mr. Ibanoff, Russia produced 57,000,000 roubles' worth of gold in 1882, which would be equal to about \$42,000,000. Since 1877 the Russian Government has ceased to tax the mining industry heavily, and instead has leased to private individuals all the Government mines, with the exception of those of Nerzhinsk and Altai, the property of the Imperial family.

In order to reconstitute the gold circulation of the United States, Germany and Italy, Mr. Goschen estimates that there have been required no less than £200,000,000, of which the United States absorbed £100,000,000, Germany £84,000,000 and Italy (quite recently) £16,000,000. He states that the annual production of gold from 1852 to 1856, inclusive, was £30,000,000; 1857-61, £24,600,000; 1862-66, £22,750,000; 1867-71, £21,753,000, and 1871-75, £19,200,000; hence he calculates that the above absorption for circulation purposes took away the entire product of the world during 10 years. He concludes from this that gold is getting scarce, comparatively speaking, and that its purchasing power increases; that, consequently, the value of commodities has fallen, and falls in proportion, and he endeavors to prove so by comparing the prices of a number of them in 1883 with those in 1873. Adding, however, the \$12,000,000 gold which Russia actually produced over and above the English estimate of \$30,000,000, we arrive at a total gold product in 1882 of \$130,000,000, or £26,000,000. While silver production for

the moment does not expand, gold production recovers. This has, however, not prevented silver from declining to 50d. per ounce early in the present year, in consequence of heavy sales of India treasury bills and a large silver exportation from Mexico after the export duty had been abolished there. But as early as March this year silver recovered to 51½d. per ounce, and thence again receded to 50½d., from which in June last it suddenly rose again to 50½d., stimulated by the demand for silver in India.

Between 1862 and 1881 India absorbed no less than £100,000,000 worth of silver, and the discount at the banks of Bengal and Bombay rules, for the present, the silver market, the Bank of Bengal having changed its rate no less than seven times last year. India is, in fact, the only country outside of the United States where silver is absorbed at present to any very great extent. In England, on account of mint repairs, the coinage of silver was last year limited to £200,880, against £997,128 in 1881, £761,508 in 1880, £549,054 in 1879, and £613,998 in 1878. Austria has reduced its silver coinage to 7,000,000 florins per annum (£2,800,000); Italy has resumed specie payments with the amount of gold above alluded to. Holland is about to sell 25,000,000 guilders' worth of silver two-guilder pieces and replace them by gold (\$10,000,000), at a loss of 20 per cent. on the silver. On January 1, 1882, the Bank of the Netherlands still held 18,500,000 guilders' worth of gold; a year later only 5,500,000, but it has since bought enough to constitute a stock of 46,000,000 guilders, and is therefore in a good position for the change above indicated.

France has also gradually improved her gold position, for in all 1882 gold in the Bank of France increased 300,000,000 francs (\$40,000,000), and since then it has again increased 32,000,000. It is now close upon 1,000,000,000 francs (\$200,000,000). In Germany, during the late session of Parliament, Deputy de Kadorff, the bi-metallic agitator (middle of June), urged that body either to again try to arrive at an international understanding about fixing the proportion of value between gold and silver, or to sell the old thalers still on hand at once. Till recently he, on the contrary, insisted that the status quo should be upheld, and the old thalers left unsold. This change of front is significant, and has caused general surprise. Parliament having taken no action, the matter rests for the moment where it is. Perhaps it would have been better to sell this old coin now. Although for the moment the demand for India has again given a slight lift to silver, the general impression is that since nearly all nations want to get rid of it, the future of its value is anything but reassuring, even supposing that the production remain stationary for some years to come. Much may depend on the action of our Congress. Should they change the policy with respect to silver coinage now in force, silver may suffer a depreciation even greater than the one it has taken six years to partially recover from. As for the theory of Mr. Goschen—that gold, through scarcity and an extra demand, produces a general lowering of values—we beg to remark that as an abstract theory the conclusion would be correct, but that the prices he compares (those of 1873 and 1883) will hardly serve as a fair argument. In 1873, just prior to the panic, prices of everything had been run up very high, whereas this year is commercially a highly unfavorable one in point of prices so far, except in a few articles of food still kept up by pure speculation. If Mr. Goschen compared the prices of 1874 with those of 1883, he would find that the difference is not great, on the whole; but we repeat that, as we have shown, gold production between this country, Russia and Australia is ample at present, and sufficiently so, we believe, to answer all current monetary and industrial requirements.

The fact that the Anglo-American Roofing Co., of Wolverhampton, England, will shortly commence to dismantle the greater portion of their plant for transportation to Pennsylvania, would seem to be a forcible illustration of how legislation affects trade.

The returns of immigration at all the ports in the United States during the month of June show a continued decrease since the beginning of the year. The following is a comparison for the first six months of the last four years:

	1880.	1881.	1882.	1883.
January.....	12,000	13,134	18,489	19,940
February.....	14,000	15,075	28,247	17,085
March.....	40,613	44,125	65,234	38,730
April.....	46,821	95,300	104,274	78,475
May.....	55,250	137,482	144,035	99,601
June.....	140,576	95,673	81,765	75,034

Six months.....300,260 380,879 447,065 321,845
Included in the 75,034 which arrived in June, 20,630 came from Germany, 11,741 from Ireland, 9437 from England and Wales, 6464 from Sweden, 5239 from Canada, and in less numbers from other countries.

San Francisco at present boasts of having on exhibition a very interesting collection of products of Honduras brought to that city by President Soto, of that Republic. The object of the display is to advertise the products of Honduras, to the end that capital may be induced to assist in the development of the country. Considerable progress has been made in this direction within the past few years, but there is still room left for further improvement. The collection mentioned comprises fibers, grasses, spices, specimens of coffee, precious stones, metals, &c., and will be exhibited in Chicago, New York, London and Paris, after leaving San Francisco.

Cast Iron of Unusual Strength.

We have the following interesting letter from N. Gridley & Son, on the comparative qualities of "Wassaic carbonate" and "Muirkirk" pig irons:

WASSAIC, N. Y., July 11, 1883.

To the Editor of The Iron Age.—DEAR SIR: We note your remarks, on page 25 of The Iron Age of July 5, in relation to relative strength of "Wassaic carbonate" and "Muirkirk" irons. One important question in connection therewith is not fully settled in our minds, viz.: Was the Muirkirk test of 47,756 pounds per square inch made from iron direct from the pig bed, or was it remelted iron? These are very high figures for either, but what leads us to think that this report was made on remelted iron—and if so, it should not be put in competition with ours—is the fact that Mr. Coffin's highest figure reported in the Journal of the Charcoal Iron Workers (see Vol. III, page 185) was 42,300, and his advertisement in the Journal gives, average of 6 pieces, 41,329. Our average of 13 samples, none of them from remelted iron, was 41,349, and if we are not ahead of Mr. Coffin, and every one else, we are willing to take second place until we can win the first. Are we second? The roasting and smelting of this ore is a new experience for this region, and we have not yet received any reports of tests made from remelted iron. Very respectfully,
N. GRIDLEY & SON.

METALLURGICAL NOTES.

The Manufacture of Magnesia Bricks.

The following methods are described by Mr. Massenex, of Hörde, Germany, as in use for the purpose of producing caustic magnesia bricks for the basic process: The advantage of this material over calcined dolomite is due to its indifference to water, so that it can be rendered plastic and molded wet without becoming hydrated, as is the case when lime is present. There is an objection to the use of limings made from natural magnesia, partly on account of the expense, but more particularly on account of the notable proportion of silica present, which is likely to have a fluxing effect at the high temperatures in use in the steel furnaces.

The first method, that of Mr. Prosper Clonan, is applied in the treatment of the waste water of the potash works at Stassfurt, which contains 372.7 grains of chloride of magnesium per liter. These, when heated with burnt dolomite, are decomposed according to the following reading:
 $MgCl_2 + CaO \cdot MgO = CaCl_2 + 2MgO$
The process is effected by mixing ground dolomite with water and the magnesium chloride liquor, and heating the mixture in vats with agitators until the carbonic acid is completely expelled, which is very quickly done; the precipitated hydrated magnesia is then washed, pressed and dried. As it is perfectly plastic, it can be readily molded. Another method of equal simplicity, but which has the further advantage of being available wherever dolomite can be got, has been recently described by Prof. B. Scheibler, of Berlin, who removes the lime by digestion in weak solution of sugar. The method is as follows: Dolomite, previously diffused through water, is mixed with syrup containing 10 to 15 per cent. of volume by sugar, and heat is applied until the carbonic acid is expelled. In a few minutes soluble saccharate of lime is formed, while the magnesia separates as hydrate, and may be collected by decantation. By heating the solution the saccharate of lime is decomposed and lime precipitated, so that the sugar solution is renewed, and can be used for the further decomposition of dolomite with success. Both of the above methods have been tried with success at Hörde, and the cost appears to be about equal in either case, the composition of the magnesia obtained being, by Scheibler's process:

	Per cent.
Silica, oxide of iron and alumina.....	1.47
Lime.....	2.18
Magnesia.....	95.99
Total.....	99.64
By Clonan's process:	
Silica, oxide of iron and alumina.....	1.05
Lime.....	1.94
Magnesia.....	95.60
Total.....	99.59

Bricks and other furnace-lining pieces may be made from the hydrate magnesia without any difficulty, the molded material firing without cracking or irregular shrinking. Converter bottoms so obtained are said to be remarkably homogeneous, hard and dense, and, while costing no more than those made of dolomite, are sensibly more durable.

The Products of the Combustion of Carbon at Different Temperatures.

The above subject was investigated some time since by Prof. A. Ledebur, the well-known German metallurgist, and a complete record of the experiments and results was published in *Stahl und Eisen* at the time. In a recent issue of the Excerpt Minutes of the Proceedings of the British Institution of Civil Engineers we find a condensed account relating to the subject, from which we extract the following:

When any carbonaceous fuel, whether solid or gaseous, is burnt, the combustion is said to be perfect when the gaseous products contain no further combustible constituents. This condition can only be attained when oxygen is present in excess, and the proportion of such excess required diminishes, as a rule, with the temperature of the fireplace. The preceding statement, generally recognized as accurate, has, in Professor Ledebur's opinion, given rise to another, which, though current in most text-books and journals, is perfectly incorrect—namely, that high temperatures, such as are produced by combustion with previously heated air, generally favor the production of carbonic acid, and that when carbon is burnt with cold air the product is mainly carbonic oxide. The first part of this conclusion—that concerning the formation of carbonic acid—is only true when oxygen is present in excess, while the second, which deals with the production of carbonic oxide, is entirely inaccurate.

The chemical action of carbon on oxygen being intensified by a high temperature, Professor Ledebur points out that when sufficient carbon is present to produce carbonic oxide, that gas will naturally be produced,

as for the same volume of oxygen twice as much coal will be consumed as when the product is carbonic acid. This necessitates twice as much absorption of heat in the gasification of the carbon, and therefore for equal consumption of oxygen the heat developed, as compared with that when carbonic acid is produced, is as 3:5. The larger quantity of coal burnt develops the lesser amount of heat, and when, as a consequence of this or other causes, the temperature falls, a larger initial production of carbonic acid results, whereby heat is more rapidly developed. That the above are not merely unsupported theoretical deductions will be familiar to all who are accustomed to work gas generators, where the gases richest in carbonic oxide are produced with the hottest working. Thus Dr. Stockmann found, when the producers were working cold, 16.56 per cent. of carbonic oxide to 12.14 of carbonic acid; but with hotter working the proportions were 21.73 to 7.41 per cent. The same general result takes place in the hearth of a blast furnace; the higher the temperature of the blast the more completely do carbonic acid and free oxygen disappear at the tuyeres; were it otherwise, it would be impossible to account for the increased reduction of silicon and manganese by very hot blast, having regard to the energetic oxidizing action of carbonic acid at high temperatures. In blast furnaces smelting lead ores the conditions are different; carbonic oxide is not required as a reducing agent, and carbonic acid is no drawback, and, as a consequence of the lower temperature prevailing in such furnaces, carbonic acid is found in notable quantity immediately above the tuyeres. After discussing the extreme improbability of the indirect production of carbonic oxide by the reduction of previously-formed carbonic acid, Professor Ledebur describes some experiments upon the combustion of charcoal in air when heated to different temperatures. The apparatus consisted of the following parts: 1. A gas holder, containing the air. 2. A washing bottle, with potash liquor. 3. Chloride of calcium tube. 4. Combustion tube, containing 5 grams of wood charcoal previously heated to redness, arranged in a furnace. 5. A U-tube, with chloride of calcium. 6. Weighed potash apparatus No. 1. 7. Second combustion furnace containing a tube with oxide of copper. 8. Chloride of calcium and potash tubes similar to Nos. 5 and 6. 10. Chloride of calcium safety-tube.

For heating the charcoal at temperatures below a cherry-red heat a glass combustion tube heated by gas was used, but for greater heats a porcelain tube and heating by a charcoal and coke fire, with a chimney draft, was necessary. The amount of air consumed in each experiment was approximately the same, namely, 1.1 liter, or 1.422 grams, containing 0.333 gram of oxygen, and the velocity of the current was kept constant by the head of water in the gas-holder. The experiments were carried out in the following manner: After removal of the potash apparatus, the oxide of copper in the second tube was heated to redness, the tube containing the charcoal brought to the temperature required, and air was allowed to pass through until the apparatus was filled with gas of uniform composition. The potash tubes were then introduced and allowed to remain until the required volume of air was expended, when they were taken out and weighed in the usual manner.

The increase in weight of the first potash tube gave the direct production of carbonic acid, and from that of the second the proportion of carbonic oxide was calculated. Furthermore, as the oxygen in the first case was derived entirely from the gas-holder, and that in the second to the extent of one-half, the comparison of the calculated quantities of oxygen with that of the air expended gave a sufficiently accurate idea of the amount of oxygen escaping combustion. The results of the experiments were as follows:

Oxygen used.	Per cent.	For cap. in burnt		For cap. in burnt		For cap. in burnt	
		Total.	Gr.	Total.	Gr.	Total.	Gr.
Coal burned.	Per cent.	Total.	To CO ₂ .	To CO.	Gr.	To CO ₂ .	To CO.
Temperature of combustion.	Per cent.	Total.	To CO ₂ .	To CO.	Gr.	To CO ₂ .	To CO.

Professor Ledebur then compared the results of these experiments with those obtained in practice in ordinary grate fires, blast furnaces and Bessemer converters, and shows them to be substantially in accordance.

Steel Castings for Government Work.

The recent appropriation by Congress to establish a board for the inspection of sites for foundries and the capabilities of our country to furnish steel guns has called out many articles on steel castings in the various trade journals, and these have been extensively copied by the press throughout the country. Most of the articles we have seen are devoted to the praise of the English or the French, ignoring the knowledge or skill of the American mechanic in steel castings; in fact, one would be led to believe that there are no steel castings made in this country, and that if any are used they are imported. So widely have the doings of our foreign brethren been heralded that this growing industry in our own country has been almost entirely overlooked. There is located in Pittsburgh, right in the heart of the iron and steel district, a company who make nothing

but steel castings, who in a modest yet very thorough manner during the last 13 years have built up a trade which now extends from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from the Canadas to the Gulf, even including Mexico. We refer to the Pittsburgh Steel Casting Co., who have now one of the finest plants in this country, and we believe it is the largest works in the world given entirely to the manufacture of steel castings. Their works cover over 5½ acres, on which are erected over 65,130 square feet of buildings. They have erected there two large steel works, one devoted to the manufacture of crucible steel, and the other to Bessemer steel. In the crucible department are made steel castings varying in weight from 1 pound to 3 tons; in the Bessemer department large castings of almost any required weight can be produced. Their plant is entirely modern, best fire-proof brick, stone and iron alone entering into its construction, and everything is of the best. These works are under the management of Mr. William Hainsworth, who has shown much ability in arranging the plant so as to be both convenient and capable of being worked with as few men as possible. But what was desired to be noted especially in this article was the suitability of this plant for the manufacture of the Government work at the least cost to the Government, and of as good quality, if not better, than England or France can produce. This plant is specially fitted for this work; its geographical situation, too, could not be better. The mechanical adaptability of its Bessemer department to the work the Government has in view can be better appreciated by a partial description of their capacity and machinery.

The Bessemer department contains one converter which has blown over 6 tons, thus giving a converting capacity of 10 or 12 tons per hour. The iron is melted in cupolas built with a view of securing the best results. The converter is hung low, the trunnions on which it swings being on a level with the ground, thus saving many advantages to the blower, besides removing liability to loss of life in the casting pits. The steel is treated by processes peculiar to this company, insuring steel that will combine softness, strength, and wear and be practically free from porosity. It was our privilege the other day to witness the casting of a large pinion, the finished weight of which was 6 tons. The molds, having been prepared, were placed in a large pit excavated for the purpose, and to the naked eye nothing but an innocent opening was visible, the wonderful intricacies of the casting being hidden. The metal was charged into the converter and blown at one blow, under the immediate supervision of Mr. Hainsworth, and until the moment the contents of the converter were ready to be poured into the ladle scarcely a man was to be seen, but at that moment they appeared, each man in his place, and the contents of the converter were poured into a large ladle which was hung from one of a number of powerful steam cranes which are located conveniently throughout the works. They bear around a burden of 25 tons with the greatest ease and rapidity. The ladle was swung over the mold, and at a certain signal the perfect fitting stopper was withdrawn and the molten metal poured out. It required but four minutes to pour and the large casting was made. A few days afterward we again saw the finished pinion as it was loaded on the cars, and though we have seen many fine castings, we can honestly say we never saw a better or sounder one. Where the sinking head was cut off an ample opportunity was afforded to examine the molecular structure, and it was all that could be desired. At a very small expenditure on the part of the Government these works could be put in a position to make cast-steel guns weighing from 10 to 150 tons and load them on the cars. A word as to guns. There are nominally two classes; one known as the "built-up" gun, the other the simple cast gun. The "built-up" gun has within the last few years grown in favor in Europe, and many of our own Government officials, always ready to follow foreign ideas, are staunch supporters of this class of weapon. It must be admitted that it has some good points, but whether it is better than the cast gun is as yet an open question, and though many officers of our Government, as has been stated, favored the "built-up" gun, still the Ordnance Department, to which they belong, have not as yet committed themselves. Eminent men of large experience here believe that the cast gun is far superior to that built of forged rings. As is well known, the weakness is due largely to the unequal cooling, the edge or outside cooling much faster than the center, thus causing all the contraction to culminate at the center and weaken the casting considerably. It is our opinion that a gun should be made of cast steel, with center cored by the Rodman or any other method, that would give good results, and thus give the steel an opportunity to cool at the same rate in the center as at the edge, insuring an equality in the contraction and shrinkage. We believe such guns would give tests superior to any "built-up" gun. At any rate, in such an important matter as this, the Government should give each a thorough, practical test. Doubtless such a works as that we have referred to above would be glad to furnish the necessary material, free of cost to the Government, if they would make such tests.

TRADE PUBLICATIONS.

Steel Castings.

The Pittsburgh Steel Casting Co., Pittsburgh, manufacturers of steel castings and rolled blooms and billets, have just favored us with an interesting little catalogue descriptive of their steel castings, &c. Those who are interested in this direction and who anticipate business connection with the company will find the pamphlet to contain much of importance. Perusing its pages we find that the company's crucible department having been insufficient to satisfy the demands for large castings the company have, within the last two years, built a new work—a Bessemer department—with a capacity of 180 tons per day, where, by methods and processes of their own, they make large steel castings of all descriptions, and are now prepared to fill orders for the largest class of work. They further state that in some in-

stances the time required to make these castings is longer than in the crucible department, but the time will be furnished on application. Their aim is to bring the price of large steel castings so near that of iron as to warrant the replacing of large iron castings with steel. The concluding pages of the catalogue are devoted to testimonials from different sources, all testifying in favor of the good work turned out by the company.

Stamped Ware.

We are in receipt of a very neat catalogue, in terra-cotta-colored cover, issued by Messrs. Matthai, Ingram & Co., Baltimore, Md. The pamphlet is an illustrated catalogue and price list of patent pieced, japanned and stamped tinware, together with house-furnishing goods manufactured by the firm named. A view of the office and salesrooms of the company, and also a general view of the factory, preface the work. In the circular to the trade the manufacturers call attention to the patented features of their goods, their system of packing and nesting, which secures minimum rates of freight, and the general advantages which Baltimore possesses as a shipping point for the Southern and Western sections of the country. The illustrations throughout the book are excellent woodcuts, and present a very fine appearance. Among the novelties shown may be mentioned what is called the "Utility" measure, with a funnel attachment adapting it for convenient use in filling bottles and cans. In the section devoted to japanned ware a combination sloop-jar is shown, which has some excellent features. When in use with the cover or shield open, there is presented a complete protection to the walls and carpets, as water can be poured into it in the most careless manner without danger of splashing or spilling. When closed it is odorless, and the dasher over which the waste water passes is entirely hidden from view, thereby keeping the decorations clean and attractive. Some very handsome designs in toilet sets, both in form and embellishment, are shown. In the latter part of the pamphlet there is shown a full line of tinner's trimmings, embracing almost everything that is required for use in the construction of ware in the shop. A section is devoted to planished ware, which contains a very full line of goods. Wire goods are also presented, after which are sections devoted to house-furnishing goods, ironware, granite ironware, oil stoves, ice-cream freezers, refrigerators, &c. Accompanying the illustrated catalogue is a net price list of plain and retined stamped-ware.

Foot and Power Presses.

We have received from the Niagara Stamping and Tool Co., Buffalo, N. Y., an illustrated catalogue of their power and foot presses, dies and tools for working sheet metal and wire. The pamphlet also contains a list, with illustrations, of their fruit-can tools, tinner's tools, &c. We have noticed former editions of this catalogue, so that in its main features it is already somewhat familiar to our readers. The Niagara Stamping and Tool Co. are making a specialty of just those conveniences which facilitate the labor of tinner and metal workers, and those who are fitting up shops will find much in the advertising matter of this company that is of interest to them. The line of squaring shears made by this concern is among the best that is now before the public. Among them may be mentioned power shears cutting from 26 to 62 inches in length. Cansoldering machines, jacketed and seamless steam kettles and various devices used by packers in putting up fruit and vegetables are also shown in this catalogue. The agent of the company is Mr. William Hagan, with office at No. 9 Burling Slip, New York, through whose courtesy this copy has reached us.

Convict Labor in New York.

The New York State Bureau of Labor Statistics, established by an act passed last session, is now in operation. Mr. Charles F. Peck, the Commissioner appointed by the Governor, has very properly commenced his work by calling on the Superintendent of State Prisons for copies of all contracts now in existence for convict labor in the several prisons. His object is to ascertain what convict labor costs, in order to compare it with the wages of citizen labor. Superintendent Baker's report in answer to the call of the Commissioner shows that the average pay for the prison hands employed by the contractors is 50 cents per day. The largest contracts are the Perry & Co. stove contract at Sing Sing, which calls for the labor of not less than 900 convicts at 56 cents per day each; the shoe contracts at Auburn and Sing Sing, which pay at the rate of 62 and 63 cents per day for the work of 400 men, and the Plattsburgh Co.'s Clinton Prison clothing contract, which calls for the labor of 450 convicts at 35 cents per day each. Then there are axle, horse-collar, hame and laundry contracts at from 40 to 63 cents. In calculating the value of the labor to the contractor, it must be remembered that very little of it is skilled labor. New men have to be taught the business from the foundation, although with long contracts and long-term men the contractors manage to get tolerably fair work out of their gangs. It is not pretended that convicts will work as steadily or with as good will as citizens. But to offset this the contractors save rent, and, to a great extent, salaries.

Through the action of the Legislature and Executive the question will be submitted to the people at the next election whether the State prison contract system shall remain as it is or shall be abolished or modified. If the voice of the State declares against the contract system, the next Legislature will be in a position to establish a new system.

What this will be is not yet known, but as a matter of fact, and without prejudice for or against the contract system, so far as individual interests are concerned, we do not believe any system can be devised which will do less injury to citizen labor than is done by contracts let after fair competition to responsible contractors. The State, with the public treasury as a bank, would be a competitor against which no private enterprise could stand.

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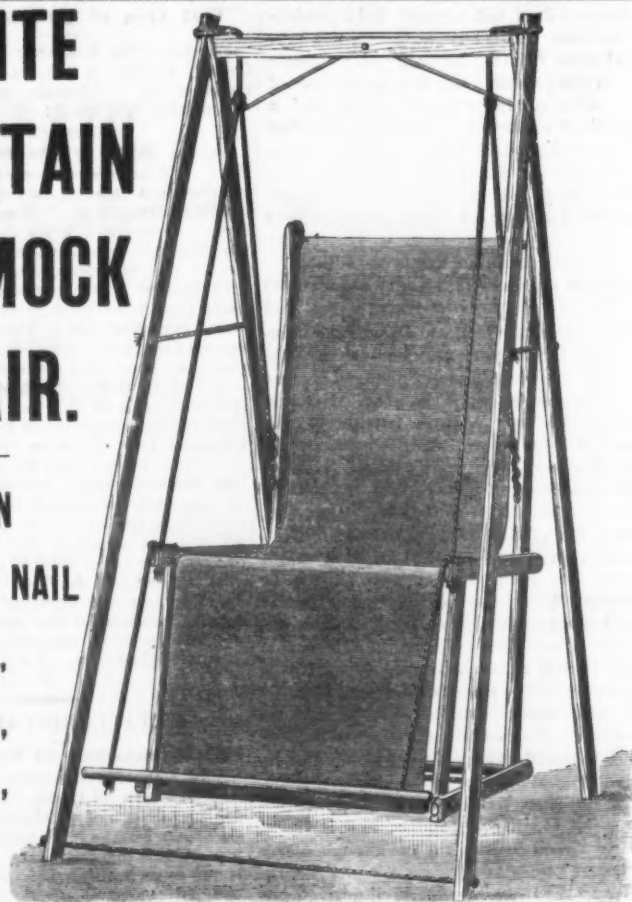
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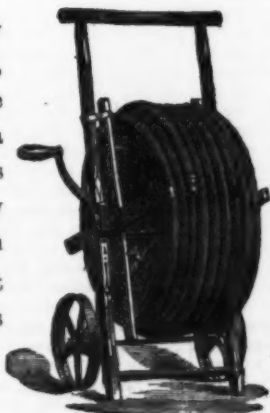
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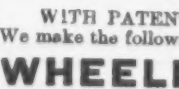
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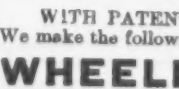
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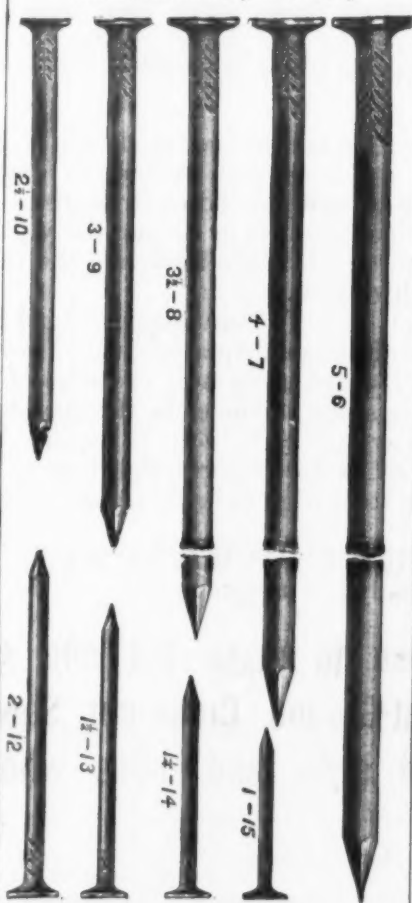
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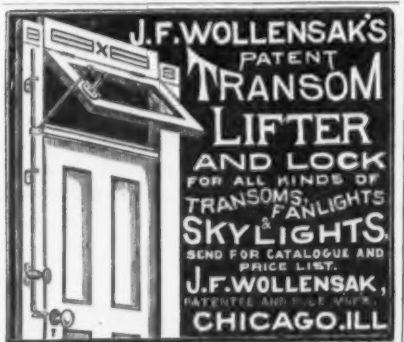


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In the experiments a net will be lowered into the sea to serve as a target to be fired at at distances of from 300 to 500 feet. On the bow of the little craft, which is almost submerged, are two wooden floats to support the net in the water. The projectiles are hollow, and made so that they will float. The tendency to rise is so carefully adjusted as not to interfere with the flight under the water or to destroy the aim. They are expected to come to the surface about 700 feet from the vessel, and they will pursue a perfectly horizontal course for 500 feet at least. They will travel the first 300 feet in three seconds or a little less. They weigh 1500 pounds each. In the experiments there will be no occasion to use the torpedoes. The object will be to test the distance of flight and the accuracy of aim. The experiments hitherto have been conducted in still water, and the firing off Sandy Hook will be the first deep-sea practice. The Destroyer has attained a speed of 17 knots an hour, and her fullest capacity has not been reached. Although her hull proper is almost entirely under water, she is seaworthy, for everything can be battened down and no water can get into her. Blowers ventilate the boat perfectly. All her working apparatus is below water, and it would be next to impossible to disable her in an engagement. If the iron house built on top of her and her smoke-stack were knocked off entirely it would make no difference. She would be as serviceable as ever. A steel plate 18 inches thick is set in front of the pilot's position to deflect balls if they should strike there. The pilot is entirely surrounded by ironwork, and looks out through a small hole on a level with his eyes to get his bearings. He can touch off the gun when he gets in exact range, and immediately back off to safety. There is a dummy plug at the opening in the boat where the projectile goes out. This is shot away with the projectile, and a valve closes over the hole to keep out the water. Only enough water to fill the gun can get in anyway, and this can be quickly pumped out by a steam syphon. So there is no danger from this source. There is no room to spare on the boat, but sufficient for the uses required. The Destroyer is the only craft that shoots a torpedo under water. The forthcoming experiments are looked forward to with much interest.

The Providence Tool Co.'s Turkish Contracts.

Judge Blatchford reserves his decision in the case of the Turkish Government against the Providence Tool Co. The suit grew out of contracts made in 1873 for rifles and sabers, and was brought to recover 50,000 rifles retained by the Tool Company, which the Turkish Government claims to have paid for. The Turkish Government claims that, under an agreement with the Constantinople agent of the Tool Company it paid about \$200,000 at one time, with the understanding that the payment was to be an entire release and discharge of all that was then due or to be claimed from the Turkish Government. The Tool Company then went on to manufacture the remainder of the arms, and they were accepted and left in the hands of the company for shipment, but when the Turkish Government demanded the arms the company refused to deliver them.

On the part of the Tool Company it is claimed that the three contracts covered 600,000 arms, and that the Turkish Government was to provide a banker's credit in London in advance of the manufacture of the arms. The total price to be paid was \$9,500,000, but to turn out the first gun the Tool Company had to expend about \$1,500,000 for special machinery. The company claim that the Turkish Government violated all the stipulations of its contracts with reference to providing advanced bankers' credits; that thereby the Tool Company were compelled to carry, with their own resources, a large lot of completed guns, and continue to purchase and keep on hand large quantities of raw material to keep their workshops in operation, being unable to reduce their force of workmen, notwithstanding that their guns were not taken by the Turkish Government, because it was impossible to reduce their force without losing their skilled workmen and disorganizing their whole establishment. This failure to provide the credits, accompanied with the neglect to make payment for the guns, so strained the resources of the Tool Company that they were compelled to

carry a debt of about \$3,000,000 that when it became known that the Turkish Government was financially embarrassed and was failing to meet its engagements under the contracts, the Tool Company's credit suffered to such an extent that they were compelled to pay ruinous sums for money accommodation, and that finally they were obliged to suspend. Claims were made upon the Turkish Government for indemnity at the very beginning of the manufacture of the guns, and the justice of this demand has always been recognized by the Turkish officials.

Wm. K. Seaman and His Rail-Cambering Machine.

To correct a sensational report, widely telegraphed over the country, that the mental aberration of the late Wm. K. Seaman was caused by the failure of his cambering apparatus and the challenge of his claims to invention by Mr. Gustin, in a letter to *The Iron Age*, Mr. W. F. Mattes has written the following letter, which appears in the *Scranton Republican*:

SCRANTON, PA., July 10, 1883.

My attention was called last evening to a brutal article in the *Free Press* relative to the death of William K. Seaman. Ordinarily, anything published by that miserable sheet may well be considered beneath notice. But this time the attendant circumstances, the evident inspiration of the article, and the publication of an abstract by the *New York Tribune*, seem, in justice to my dead friend, to demand a reply.

The general charge is made that Seaman appropriated Gustin's ideas in the design of his rail-mill machinery, and "then coolly took the credit of the whole idea." He did nothing of the kind. He followed the Gustin arrangement in general, introduced many radical changes of detail, most of which have proved valuable, and claimed credit for his modifications and additions. In his descriptive paper before the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, the only description he ever prepared for publication, he distinctly gave Mr. Gustin the credit that belonged to him. That *The Iron Age* and other papers reproducing a portion of this paper omitted any reference to Mr. Gustin, was no fault of Seaman. An examination of Gustin's patents proved that they were based upon details, and that the arrangement as a whole was not patentable. As Seaman had introduced other and valuable details, he considered himself as much entitled to patents as any body, and it is a fact, if the emphatic written opinion of an eminent patent attorney is worth anything, that Seaman's design can be used without infringing upon the other.

It is falsely charged that Seaman's arrangement throughout is a flat failure. The modifications needed were very few, very simple, were foreseen both by Mr. Seaman and Mr. Wolf, and were provided for in the design, and the latter, so far from being more complicated than Gustin's, is decidedly simpler. The truth is that Gustin's apparatus has made no end of trouble, mainly from the crudity of his designs, wherever worked to something like full capacity. It may do well enough in a mill like that of the Scranton Steel Co., where two little 4-ton converters are run single turn, but if that concern ever grows to the stature of a modern steel mill there will be music with the cambering apparatus. The delays in the mill, which were by no means so aggravated as charged, were almost wholly due to trouble with a friction clutch, which was built substantially from Gustin's drawings, but larger and heavier. As to the capacity of the mill, it is impossible to say how much is due to this machinery, and how much to the new rail-train engine, but between them a marked improvement has been made, and the statement that the officers of the company contemplated throwing out the whole apparatus is false.

The next false statement is that Seaman required "nearly two years to work out what an ordinary draftsman should do in as many months." The truth is that he finished the last drawing in almost precisely six months from time of starting, besides doing much routine work. Mr. Wehrum is as rapid at such work as any man I know of, but neither he nor any man living can work out a design of such magnitude, complete in all details, in two months. In point of fact, Mr. Wehrum had a twist at this job when employed by the Lackawanna Co., and was completely stumped by a problem which Seaman very successfully solved—viz., the adaptation of this system to two pairs of hot beds. That many exaggerations have crept into the various newspaper articles is natural enough, but they are harmless and should pass unnoticed.

Mr. Seaman was a very clear-headed, able young engineer. His relations with the Lackawanna Iron and Coal Co. were strictly honorable and satisfactory to its officers, and his many friends in the city resent this dastardly attack upon the poor boy's memory. The business reputation that needs to be bolstered up by such means must be in a bad way, and the man who can inspire, and the editor who will publish, such an article deserve the contempt of society. The deed is worthy of a Duker. W. F. MATTES.

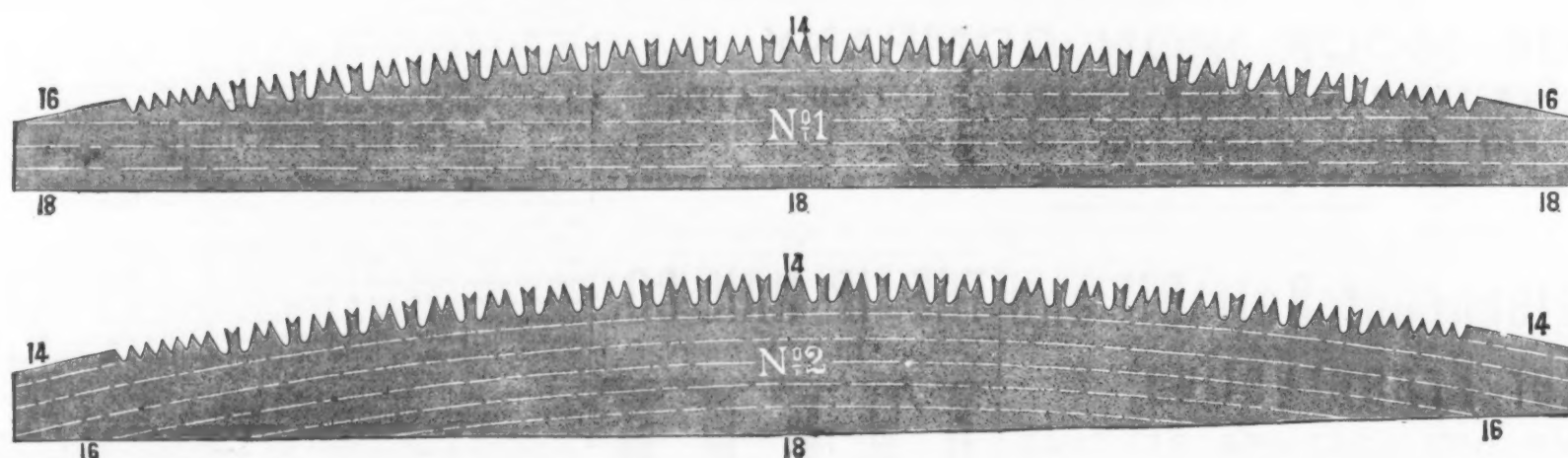
A hundred and seven Cornish mining companies, says a British contemporary, have been struck off the rolls of the Companies' Registration Office at Truro. These melancholy monuments of mining misfortunes had outlived their productiveness. Chili, Australia, the Cape, Spain and Venezuela did not, in the days when they were prosperous, send us copper, nor did the Straits and Australia supply us with tin. Most Cornish mines are, in fact, played out.

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Gentlemen: During the last year we have sold nearly three hundred of your *Crescent-Ground* Cross-cut Saws. We have sold them on an average of 85 cents per foot, and the parties who use them tell us they had rather pay this price, and even more, than to have the old-fashioned ground saw at 35 cents per foot. The most of our customers who are using them claim that your *Crescent-Ground* Saw will cut from 10 to 20 per cent. more timber (same labor being used) than any saw that they have ever used before.

Yours very truly,

CUMMER & RAWLES.

Cadillac, Mich.

I consider the Simonds *Crescent-Ground* Saw as the very best saw in every particular that is in the market to-day. It is of better material, cuts easier, holds its point better, and lasts longer than any saw we have used, and it is not so liable to get sprung or break.

J. S. McDONALD, Foreman for McCoy & Co.

Camp of P. Hafley, Long Lake, Mich., Sept. 19, 1882.

THE SIMONDS MFG. CO., Fitchburg, Mass.

Gentlemen: We have tested your saws, and will freely say we think the Simonds *Crescent-Ground* is the best saw ever made, and that we have no use for any other kind.

J. McDONALD,
P. HAFLEY.

Camp of E. J. Capley, Round Lake, Mich., Sept. 20, 1882.

THE SIMONDS MFG. CO., Fitchburg, Mass.

Gentlemen: The *Crescent-Ground* Saws sent by you have been tested, and would say they are the finest cross-cuts I ever used, and think the mode of grinding a great invention.

Yours very truly,

J. P. ALLEN.

Antigo, Wis., March 10, 1883.

SIMONDS MFG. CO., Fitchburg, Mass.

Gentlemen: The Simonds *Crescent-Ground* Cross cut Saws we sold gave most excellent satisfaction, and we shall be pleased to handle a goodly number next season. Some of our customers we have sold samples to, sent to your Chicago house and were supplied again from there.

Yours truly,

KOHL & LEYKOM.

Cadillac, Mich., April 12, 1883.

THE SIMONDS MFG. CO., Fitchburg, Mass.

Gentlemen: Last December we purchased of your agent a few of your *Crescent-Ground* Cross-cut Saws, and would say cheerfully that they more than filled the guarantee given us by you. We think they will cut 15 per cent. more logs (with the same labor used) than any other saw we know of or ever used, and next fall we will want more of the same kind.

Yours very truly,

CUTLER, GILBERT & PEARSON.

Duluth, Minn., April 3, 1883.

THE SIMONDS MFG. CO., Fitchburg, Mass.

Gentlemen: The *Crescent-Ground* Saws have been thoroughly tested, and would say they are much superior to any brand of cross-cuts we ever had, and think they will cut 10 per cent. more timber than any other saw in America.

Yours very truly,

P. JOHNSON, Foreman for Dewing & Son.

Crooked Lake, Mich., Sept. 20, 1882.

Cummer Lumber Co., Camp No. 4, Cadillac, Mich., April 13, 1883.

THE SIMONDS MFG. CO., Fitchburg, Mass.

Gentlemen: We have thoroughly tested the *Crescent-Ground* Cross cut Saws, and would say they work easier and cut faster than any other brand of saws we have used. During the last year we have tried five different manufacturers' brands of saws, and in our judgment your *Crescent-Ground* brand of Cross-cut Saws will cut 10 per cent. more than any of the five brands we speak of, and are not so liable to kink or spring as saws ground the old way, and they hold an edge a great deal longer.

Yours very truly,

CUMMER LUMBER CO.,

W. W. CUMMER, President.

Crapo, Mich., Jan. 17, 1883.

MESSRS. SIMONDS, Fitchburg, Mass.

Have used the *Crescent-Ground* Cross-cut Saws for some months, and my experience with them shows that they exceed the percentage of gain guaranteed by your agent. We have been cutting the stock for our mill with three saws—two men to gang—where we formerly required four saws to cut the same supply. We are making an average of a million feet per month in my lumber output, from logs averaging nine to thousand. You may refer to me at any time.

Respectfully, &c.,

L. P. SWIFT.

We manufacture five distinct lines of goods, viz.: Circular Saws, Crescent-Ground Cross-cut Saws, Straight-Ground Gang, Mill, Drag and Mulay Saws, Planing Machine Knives, and Paper-Cutting and Similar Knives, which we class as Special Knives. We claim for each line

A SUPERIORITY OVER ALL OTHERS.

For twenty years we have been engaged in a continued series of experiments to reduce the working of steel to a system, and in addition to the great variety of special tools which we have devised and have in use—covered by many patents—we have made several discoveries relating to the physical properties of steel—not known outside of our company—which insure to us a marked advantage in the quality and uniformity of the temper of our goods.

SIMONDS MANUFACTURING CO., Fitchburg, Mass.

BRANCH HOUSE AND FACTORY, COR. CANAL AND WASHINGTON STREETS, CHICAGO.

Dr. Siemens's Suit Against H. Sellers McKee.

On the 11th instant Dr. Charles F. Siemens filed a voluminous bill in equity against H. Sellers McKee, of Pittsburgh. The suit involves \$1,000,000, and grows out of the failure of the Siemens-Anderson Steel Co. The bill states that on April 20, 1882, the plaintiff was, and yet is, the owner of 300 bonds of the defunct Steel Company, each of the par value of \$1000, payable on April 1, 1911, with interest at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum, being part of an issue of 1000 of similar bonds valued at \$1,000,000. The bonds were secured by a mortgage made by the Steel Company to the Farmers' Loan and Trust Co., of New York, in trust for the holders of the bonds. The property mortgaged consisted of the plant and real and personal property of the company. Of the 1000 bonds issued the Merchants' and Manufacturers' National Bank obtained 539, and 100 were never placed, but were retained by the company.

The United States Marshal on April 25, 1882, advertised certain property, including that described in the mortgage, for sale. There were doubts as to the effect of the sale upon the lien of the mortgage, and as to the title which would be acquired by the purchaser at the proposed sale, and with a view to the avoidance of litigation concerning the same the M. & M. Bank and the plaintiff on April 20, 1882, entered into an agreement for the purchase of the property for their joint benefit in proportion to their ownership in bonds of the Steel Co. The agreement provided that the bank should acquire title to the property for the benefit of itself and Siemens, and that, if within five months from the date of sale the bank should make to the plaintiff a reassignment and transfer of the license of Siemens to the Steel Co., the latter should surrender his right to the property and his \$300,000 of bonds to the bank. The agreement further provided that in case the bank failed to make the reassignment Siemens should pay to it his portion of the cost of the property, or otherwise the agreement was to be null and void.

The sale was stayed, and subsequently a portion of the property was again advertised to be sold on writs of execution issued out of the Common Pleas courts. This sale took place on June 5, 1882, but a few days prior thereto the plaintiff claims to have renewed the above agreement with McKee, who had since the 20th of April acquired the bonds held by the M. & M. Bank, and desired to purchase the property upon which the same was secured. The defendant, it is claimed, got possession of all the property except that located in the Fourteenth Ward, upon which the rotator furnaces were located. He also became the purchaser of the interest of the Steel Company in the Siemens letters patent, and it is alleged that he failed to make the reassignment of the license granted by plaintiff to the Steel Company, as agreed upon. The plaintiff claims to have carried out his part of the agreement by offering to pay the defendant the full proportion of the cost of the property. The M. & M. Bank were also notified of this fact.

The plaintiff now believes that McKee had, prior to receiving his (Siemens's) notice to pay his proportion of the cost, sold all the property acquired by him except the letters patent. He also believes that the purchase money received by defendant was in excess of the amount which he paid for the property and proper to be allowed him on the settlement of the account, and claims that there is nothing due by him to defendant under the agreement, but that, on the contrary, McKee is largely indebted to him. He holds that he fulfilled his part of the contract, which the defendant failed to do, and lays claim to the under license, the letters patent.

The Court is asked to decree that the defendant be compelled to make answer as to which of the Steel Company property he acquired title to, the price paid by him, together with all other disbursements made by him in that behalf, which of the property he has sold, to whom, the prices realized, and that he be directed to pay the plaintiff the proportion of the balance of receipts after deducting the expenditures.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

STEAM NAVIGATION. A Chronological History of the Origin and Development of Steam Navigation. By George Henry Preble, Rear-Admiral United States Navy. 1843-1882. Philadelphia: L. B. Hamersley & Co. 1883.

Probably not many of the readers of this volume are aware that its author, who is now among the older officers of the navy, has for many years been in the habit of culling and collecting from the transient literature of the time, as well as from elaborate treatises, historical memoranda upon subjects connected with his profession. The present work may be considered as a garnering of his industrious gleanings from one particular field. It must be ranked rather as a valuable compilation of facts and statistics, enlivened with many interesting and suggestive incidents and anecdotes, than as a well-digested historical dissertation. It is like an article in an encyclopedia filled out to the measure of a volume, without alteration in the manner of treatment, and with no effort to escape from the simple rut of chronological narration. Yet this method has great advantages in a book of reference, while the reader will be surprised to see how much interesting material has here been brought together. On the title page Admiral Preble places the dates "1543-1882." The mention of the former of these years is apparently intended to emphasize the fact that De Garay then employed paddle-wheels for propelling a vessel. This fact, however, has little significance, for such appliances were familiar at Rome under the Empire, and among other nations in times still more ancient. It is not the use of wheels instead of oars, but the introduction of steam as a motor, that is to be commemorated. Our author is inclined to give the honor of the latter invention, so far as concerns navigation, to Papin, who actually constructed and navigated a steamboat up the river Fulda in 1707. Passing by the interesting accounts of the experiments of Fitch, Symington,

Fulton and others, we find the author quoting the statement of the London *Mechanics Magazine* that "a vessel built by Captain Ericsson was probably the first practical screw propeller the world ever saw, and, in fine, the undivided honors of having built the first practical screw steamer, the first screw war-ship, and the first cupola (monitor) war vessel, belongs to Capt. John Ericsson. Watt's fame is, of course, worldwide." Admiral Preble says: "The original type of nearly all the engines used in steam navigation was the engine constructed at Soho by Watt & Bolton for Fulton, and first used by him upon the Hudson river. This had the beam below the piston-rod, as in the English boat engines, but the cylinder above deck, as in the American."

Rumsey's contributions to steam navigation are very interesting. He accuses Fitch of "coming pottering around" his Virginia work-bench and carrying off his ideas to be afterward developed in Philadelphia. In like manner, Captain Morey alleged that Fulton, by a breach of faith, imitated his model of a steamboat, but our author says that Morey must yield to Fitch the honor of being the inventor of the first successful steamboat constructed in this country. From this point the volume takes up all the early steamboats and the improvements in steam engineering in the order of their dates, describing each succinctly. The recalling of old, contemporaneous sketches of these successive wonders from the rusty files of newspapers, from the pages of dead magazines, from the alcoves of the literature of the first years of this century, produces a strange effect, but throws a light on the actual progress effected which no other method of treatment could secure. From the days of the Clermont, Fulton's first steamboat, in 1807, we pass to those of the New Orleans, which made the first trip from Pittsburgh to the city of her name; to those of the Clyde and Glasgow, in 1813; in short, to the introduction of the new motor successively on the Hudson, Delaware, Ohio, Mississippi, St. Lawrence, the Thames, the Rhine, and so gradually upon all the great rivers of the world. Admiral Preble calls Fulton's Demologos the first war steamboat. The Savannah, our first ocean steamship, dates back to 1819. Mr. Woodcroft styles this vessel a myth, and claims that the Rob Roy, a British steam packet, plying between Glasgow and Belfast, was the first sea-going steamer; but the American vessel really went from New York to Savannah in 1819, which was also the date of beginning the construction of the first steamer between New York and Havanna.

Screw propellers now became desirable. Giving due credit to the original idea of Bushnell, in 1784, our author mentions the successive inventions of Delangle, Perkins, Woodcroft, Patten, Copley, Pettier, Gerard and others, and so passes to the Francis P. Ogden, Ericsson's first practical screw steamer, which dates from 1836. It need hardly be said that the Princeton, the work of the same engineer, was the first screw war vessel ever constructed. To Junius Smith is assigned the honor of establishing ocean steam navigation, between 1832 and 1838, and in the latter year the arrival of the City of Kingston, the Sirius and the Great Western in New York within a few days of each other, made it plain that the regular and stated steam navigation of the Atlantic was an accomplished fact. Very likely there are people still living who took passage on these pioneer vessels in their return voyages to the British Isles, and a flood of recollection would be stirred in them by perusing the advertisements which Admiral Preble quotes from the *Courier and Enquirer* of that day. One of these advertisements states that "the new and powerful steamship Sirius, 700 tons burden, and 320 horse-power, Lieut. R. Roberts, commander, is intended to sail from London, March 28, touching at Cork on the 2d of April, for this port, returning from New York to London on the 1st of May," and that "cabin passage is \$140, including provisions and wines, and second cabin \$80, including provisions." The Sirius, in fact, left Cork the evening of the 4th and arrived the evening of the 22d, making the passage in 18 days. The following day, April 23, 1838, was memorable in the history of New York, for when the population had thronged the wharves to see the Sirius, a second marvel was presented in the Great Western, which was despatched steaming up the harbor, only 16 days from Bristol.

We have referred to the picturesqueness which Admiral Preble has been able to weave around a subject which at first does not seem to lend itself to such treatment, by his reproduction of contemporaneous news and comments. On the other hand, this scrap-book method is occasionally confusing as to facts and figures, because the same ground is traversed by varying accounts. Yet we know not where to find a volume containing an equal wealth of statistical and historical information on its subject. To add to its practical value the author subjoins a bibliography and tables showing the steam tonnage of all nations, the designating marks of steamships, the different ocean lines existing at various periods, the records of disasters and of quickest passages, the size and power of vessels, and many other details of like character. Few, if any, vessels which can be properly considered as types or pioneers, or as marking an era in the progress of steam navigation, fail to receive detailed mention or description here. But so steady and rapid is the progress made in steam navigation that, since the printing of Admiral Preble's book, ocean-going steamers have been planned that will exceed in speed and other desirable qualities the newest and greatest recorded by him. There must be limits, of course, to the possible achievements of steam, but before these shall have been reached some new motor, like electricity, may come forward to revolutionize navigation in its turn.

Mr. Henry E. Colton, lately removed, for partisan reasons, from the position of State Geologist of Tennessee, has been elected to the general management of the Rock City Real Estate Association, made vacant by the resignation of Col. J. B. Killebrew, who goes to Mexico. This company is composed of some of the leading citizens of the State. Mr. Colton, though not now in the employ of the State, will continue his efforts to bring to notice the neglected wealth of the South.

Steel Castings in Ship and Marine Engine Construction.*

BY WILLIAM PARKER.

(Continued from page 26, July 12.)

Having laid this matter before the Institute, I venture to hope that it will be well discussed in all its bearings, and I also hope

bent through reached 90°, when the radius was reduced to 3/4 inch. Table III sets forth the results of tensile tests, also made at University College by Professor Kennedy. Table IV contains the results of torsional tests, likewise made by Professor Kennedy. Table V shows the results of tests made by James Neilson, at Mossend, to ascertain the effects of various amounts of rolling and

TABLE I.

Results of Percussive Tests Made Upon Bars 1 1/4 Inches Square, Resting Upon Supports 6 Inches Apart, and Subjected to Blows in the Center From a Tap Weighing 10 cwt., Falling Through a Height of 7 Inches.

Description of Material.	Mark on test-piece.	Number of blows given.	Angle through which bent.	Remarks.
Wrought iron.	H.B.	1	2°	Cut from wrought-iron crank-shaft forwarded by J. Spencer & Sons.
Do.	H.C.	12	138°	
Do.	C.	4	50°	
Do.	L.	4	49°	Cut from wrought-iron crank-shaft made by the Thames Iron Works Co.
Cast steel.	S.2	13	114°	
Do.	S.72	9	77°	This piece was 1 inch square and was bent under steam hammer. Not broken.
Do.	C.2	19	167°	
Do.	R.	195°	Not broken. From crank-shaft of s. s. City of Berlin. Test-pieces not broken. From broken screw-shaft of s. s. Faraday.
Forged steel.	F.	23	198°	
Do.	W.P.3	23	198°	
Do.	W.P.4	19	198°	
Do.	B.I.	16	96°	
Do.	B.	17	112°	

that this paper will be followed by others giving the results of the experience obtained under various conditions, as with such further knowledge we shall obtain that con-

hammering upon the strength and ductility of steel plates. It will be observed, on inspection of the tables, that the ultimate strengths of the cast steel specimens in every

strength and its ultimate elongations, this being roughly proportional to the mechanical work necessary to break a specimen of the material, we find that on an average the cast steel gives a result fully one-third greater than the wrought iron, while the lowest result in the case of cast steel is nearly three times as great as that of the lowest in wrought iron. The forged steel, however, in all cases gives a result fully three times as great as that obtained in the case of the wrought iron. If we compare the results of the transverse tests on the different materials, we see that in the cases where the loads were applied steadily, two of the pieces of cast steel tested were broken and two not broken; all four pieces of wrought iron broke, but neither of the pieces of forged steel fractured. The loads producing bending in cast steel in all cases exceeded those in wrought iron, while the angles through which the pieces bent before fracture show greatly to the advantage of the cast steel, either by taking the average or by comparing the worst in each case. In comparing the transverse tests made by dropping heavy weights upon the specimens, we find that in forged steel three pieces withstood 23, 19 and 23 blows respectively without fracture, and two were fractured on receiving 16 and 17 blows respectively; while in the case of wrought iron fracture was produced by 12, 1, 4 and 4 blows, and in cast steel by 13, 9 and 19 blows respectively. The results of the torsion tests also, given in Table IV, show that the ultimate strength of the cast steel, and also the ductility, are greater than that of wrought iron, whether we compare the averages or the lowest test of each material, while the wrought steel again, especially in ductility, shows a superiority

TABLE II.

Results of Transverse Tests made at University College, London, by Prof. A. B. W. Kennedy, on Bars of about 1 1/4 Inches Square, Supported on Knife Edges 6 Inches Apart. Load Applied Steadily upon a Central Bearing of 1 1/4 Inches Radius Until the Angle Bent Through Reached 90°, when the Radius was Reduced to 3/4 Inch.

Test No.	Description of material.	Mark on piece.	Dimensions of test piece.		Load at center of span.					Angle through which finally bent.	Remarks.
			Depth.	Breadth.	At limit of elasticity.		At break.		At limit reduced to 1½ sq.		
					Inches.	Inches.	Lbs.	Tons.			
2565	Wrought iron.	H.B.	1.25	1.246	7,579	3.38	15,120	6.75	3.39	19	{ Fracture square across, laminated and soft looking, with a few very large crystalline facets. A number of cindery cavities. Very largely crystalline and somewhat laminated.
2564	"	H.C.	1.243	1.240	7,440	3.32	21,770	9.72	3.38	48	
2630	"	C.	1.263	1.260	7,805	3.48	3.38	94	{ Fracture { Tension side. Silky laminated. Compn. side. Irreg. crystals, large facets. Tension side. Silky laminated. Compn. side. Coarsely crystalline.
2631	"	L.	1.252	1.252	8,720	3.89	.....	.....	3.88	104
2561	Cast steel.	S.1.	1.264	1.234	8,760	3.91	34,480	15.39	3.87	66	Largely crystalline throughout. Not broken; slightly cracked at one edge.
2562	"	S.72.	1.332	1.250	12,320	5.50	.....	.....	4.85	110
2632	"	C.2.	1.276	1.270	10,350	4.62	26,960	12.03	4.38	40	Crystalline throughout, with large facets. Unbroken; slightly cracked at edges. Unbroken. Unbroken.
2658	"	R.	1.017	0.996	5,740	2.56	.....	.....	4.38	142
2633	Forged steel.	F.	1.261	1.261	11,150	4.98	.....	.....	4.85	164
2563	"	B.2.	1.260	1.250	16,550	7.39	.....	.....	7.27	149

fluence which is necessary for the full employment of this material. Table I contains the results of percussive tests made upon bars 1 1/4 inches square, resting upon supports 6 inches apart, and subjected to blows in the

case exceeded those of the wrought iron, while the extensions in 2-inch lengths average about the same in both cases. With regard to the forged steel, the tensile strength is 23 tons per square inch in the case of the

over either of the other metals. The test-pieces were in every case made as long as it was possible to make them without risk of using parts of the material injured by previous experiments, and the extensions were

TABLE III.

Results of Tensile Tests made at University College, London, by Prof. A. B. W. Kennedy.

U.C.L. Test No.	Description of material.	Mark on piece.	Dimensions of test-piece.		Limit of elasticity per sq. in.		Breaking load per sq. in.		Ratio of limit of break to limit of elasticity.	Extension on maximum length, p. c.	Extension on length of 1 in. p. c.	Reduction of area, p. c.	Remarks.
			Diameter.	Area.	Lbs.	Tons.	Lbs.	Tons.					
2732	Cast steel from plate ingot.	S.2	0.750	0.442	36,040	16.09	50,810	22.68	0.709	On 1 inch length, 6.7	9.0	9.3	Irregular, crystalline with granulation.
2733	Cast steel from J. Spencer & Son.	S.72	0.750	0.442	34,000	15.18	53,160	23.73	0.640	on 2 in. 31.5	31.5	42.3	Granular, and silky specked with crystal
2740	Cast crucible steel from Jessop & Sons	C.2	0.750	0.442	.....	.....	53,900	24.06	.....	on 1 in. 10.4	.....	11.9	Coarsely crystalline granular throughout.
2800	Ditto ditto	J.	0.760	0.454	40,530	18.09	63,020	28.13	0.643	on 1 1/2 in. 10.7	.....	16.5	Irregular, silvery, granular specked with crystals.
2803	Cast steel from Steel Co. of Scotland.	R.2	0.749	0.441	34,380	15.35	63,190	28.21	0.544	on 3 in. 10.0	12.5	13.2	Finely crystalline, a small trace of granulation. Irregularly extended on surface.
2804	Ditto ditto	R.3	0.750	0.442	34,700	15.49	64,730	28.90	0.536	on 3 1/2 in. 10.6	19.0	19.0	Finely crystalline, 25 per cent. Granular. Irregularly extended on surface.
2734	Wrought iron from crank-shaft.	H.B.	0.750	0.442	29,870	13.33	31,780	14.18	0.940	on 3 in. 4.0	5.0	5.0	Very irregular, and without "fiber," welding generally bad, traces of crystal.
2735	Ditto ditto	H.C.	0.750	0.442	.....	.....	34,040	15.20	.....	on 2 1/2 in. 6.8	10.0	8.4	One-half of fracture a totally bad weld.
2738	Wrought iron from shaft by Thames Iron-works.	C.	0.750	0.442	34,410	15.36	44,990	20.08	0.765	on 4 in. 17.5	21.0	19.0	Silky granular, with little sign of lamination, but "fiber" short.
2739	Ditto ditto	L.	0.750	0.442	28,430	12.69	44,310	19.78	0.641	on 4 in. 21.7	29.0	26.9	Silky granular, a defective weld extending apparently all along piece across one diameter.
2741	Forg'd crucible steel from J. Jessop & Sons	F.	0.748	0.439	41,780	18.65	59,940	26.76	0.697	on 2 1/2 in. 32.0	37.5	64.7	Silky, and partly granular.
2736	Forged steel from shaft of s. s. Faraday	A.B.3	0.748	0.439	49,060	21.90	79,040	35.28	0.621	on 3 1/2 in. 25.7	33.5	45.9	Finely granular, and silky specked with fine crystal.
2737	Ditto ditto	A.B.4	0.748	0.439	49,090	21.91	79,850	35.65	0.615	on 3 1/2 in. 20.9	26.2	43.7	Finely granular, closely specked with crystal.

center from a tap weighing 10 cwt., falling through a height of 7 inches. Table II shows the results of transverse tests made at University College, London, by Prof. A. B. W. Kennedy, on bars of about 1 1/4 inches square, supported on knife-edges 6 inches apart; load applied steadily upon a central bearing of 1 1/4 inches radius until the angle

shaft made by Messrs. Vickers, Sons & Co., and between 26 and 27 tons per square inch in the cases of the forged steel bolts made by Messrs. Jessop & Sons, the extensions being 46.8 and 37.5 per cent. If we consider that an approximate measure of the value of a material to resist repeated shocks is given by the product of its ultimate

noted on the greatest length obtainable; but, as a means of comparison, they were also noted on a length of 2 inches in every case except two, in which the specimens were too short to allow of this. In view of the importance of knowing the influence of working upon the strength and ductility of steel, Mr. James Neilson, of

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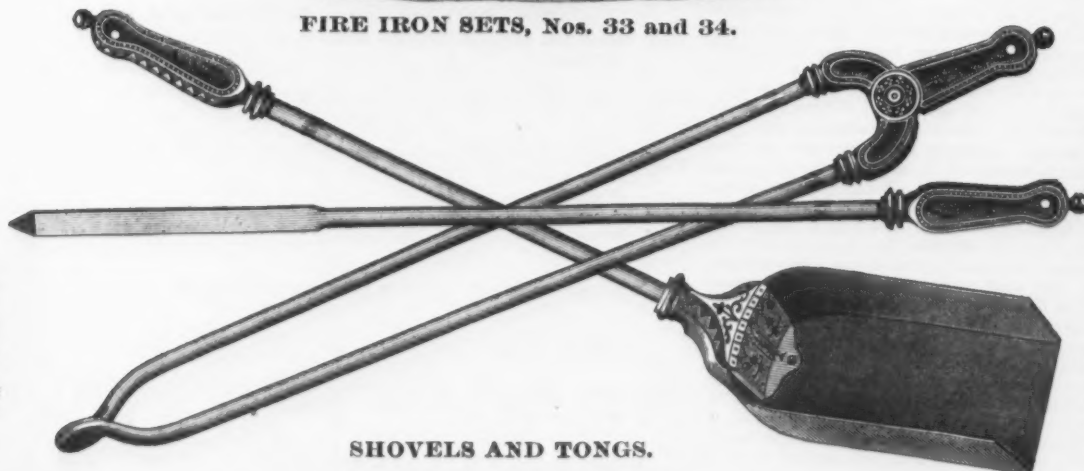
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Mossend, was kind enough to have some experiments made upon pieces cut from the same ingot, and hammered or rolled down by different amounts. The results of these tests are given in Table V. These tests show that, while the cast steel, as cut from the ingot, has a strength of 23.6 tons per square inch, and a ductility represented by an elongation of 10 per cent. in a length of 8 inches, hammering it until its section is one-fourth of the original increases the strength to 32.1 tons, and the elongation to 11 per cent.—an increase of 36 and 10 per cent. respectively, while rolling it until its section is reduced to one-fifth of the original increased the strength to 30.6 tons and the elongation to 23 per

sion tests as follows: Frames are hoisted to an angle of about 45°, and allowed to fall on a hard floor. Rudders are hoisted to a height of 10 or 12 feet and let fall upon a flat floor. Subsequently they are hammered all over. Tiller quadrants are also subject to percussive tests, and these tests appear to show that cast steel may be made quite as reliable, even if not more so, than wrought iron for forgings; but the forged steel surpasses in ductility anything that has been attained in castings, and, notwithstanding the opinion of M. Pourcel, I think that it will never be possible to entirely obtain from castings, by any chemical process whatever, such results as are obtainable by mechanical forging. With regard to the quality of steel for cast

will separate rye from wheat, and clean grain from cockle and all foreign seeds. The statement is also made that they will clean clover seed from the various weeds with which it may be mixed. It is especially desirable for cleaning garden seeds.

SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL.

Glass Blowing by Compressed Air.

According to *Engineering*, the first in France to employ compressed air for glass blowing was probably a workman named Baccarat, who, in 1824, invented a small mechanical blower. A process which has been in use at the Clichy Glass Works of

believing that the wire conducts heat to the ice from the atmosphere, and that the experiment does not illustrate the well-known fact that increased pressure lowers the freezing point. A silk wire, weighted to the same amount as a metallic wire, will not cut through a block of ice.

Determination of the Temperature of Furnaces.

The method adopted by the Paris Gas Co. for ascertaining the temperatures of retorts and settings is described as follows: The appliances consist of a covered wooden pail holding 10 liters. The lid of this pail is pierced with a hole, and fitted with a thermometer with scale projecting above the surface. A cube of iron weighing 2 kg., and a long iron pricker for moving the same, complete the list of articles used. For taking temperatures of flues, retorts, &c., the block of iron is placed in the indicated position, and left there until it becomes of the same degree of heat. The block is provided with a hole for the insertion of the pricker, and by this means, when the temperature of a chimney-shaft is required, the iron is simply held at the desired height while the rod passes through the hole in the brickwork. While this is going on the pail is placed on the level ground—a condition facilitated by the fact that at the 10-liter water-line there are three equidistant spill holes in its sides. Water is poured in until it overflows at these points, which are then closed. The cover fitted with the thermometer is then placed in position, and briskly spun round three or four times. In this way the initial temperature of the water may be read off. The block of iron, which should have been at least 25 minutes in the heat, is then quickly drawn out and dropped into the water in the pail—an operation which should only require two or three seconds to execute. The cover is then turned anew, and the highest temperature of the water is read off. This concludes the experiment. Tables are compiled for use with the appliance, and these give the required temperature of the iron corresponding to the observed elevation of the temperature of the water. The thermometer employed registers to the fourth of a degree Centigrade.

Arrangement for Registering the Speed of Trains Passing Over Bridges.

Mr. D. B. Kagenaar, of the University of Utrecht, recently devised a novel arrangement for registering the speed of trains while passing over bridges. It consists of two parts. At each end of the bridge is fixed a pedal, placed against the rail so as to be depressed by each wheel of the train passing over the spot. Each depression of the pedal makes contact in an electro-magnetic circuit, which, in part 2, acts on needles placed against a cylinder situated at any convenient distance. This cylinder is made to revolve by clockwork, at a uniform speed, and is covered with a sheet of paper. While no wheels pass the pedals on the bridge the needles mark straight parallel lines on the revolving paper sheet; but if contact is made as above mentioned, the respective needles are momentarily deflected, and mark the instant at which each wheel passes the pedal in connection on the bridge. The distance apart of the pedals at each end of the bridge being known, as also the rate at which the registering cylinder revolves, the speed of the passing train can be deduced by simple measurement of the distance apart of the traces made by the marking needles. As a further check, the number of axles of which the train is composed is marked at the same time, and in the same way, by the needles deflecting at each contact in the circuit.

A New Method for the Determination of Nitrogen.

A new method for determining nitrogen, applicable to all nitrogen compounds, is proposed by H. Grouven. It consists essentially in burning the substance at a bright-red heat in a current of superheated steam. He first applied the process on the large scale to the production of ammonium salts from peat, but has since perfected it as an analytical method. The substance is burned in a boat, and the vapors arising from it are passed over a glowing layer of small fragments of a preparation called by the author "contact-mass," and then through standard acid, as in the soda-lime method. The contact-mass consists of an ignited mixture of peat, chalk and cement clay in certain proportions, and must be renewed after about 50 combustions. The advantages claimed for the method are that combustions may succeed each other rapidly on the same apparatus (constructed of iron, with asbestos stoppers), that large materials (two to three grams) may be used, that no drying or pulverization is necessary, and that it may be combined with an ash determination. Nitrates are dissolved with addition of sugar, sufficient clay is added to make a stiff dough, and the latter is introduced into the apparatus. The method is said to give concordant results, which are slightly higher than those obtained by the soda-lime method.

The Pressure of Dry Sand.

In a paper published in the *Zeitschrift des Österreichischen Ingenieur und Architekten-Vereins*, an abstract of which is given in the Excerpt Minutes of the Proceedings of the British Institution of Civil Engineers, Mr. Forchheimer, of Rachen, Germany, describes experiments made by him with the object of determining the pressure exerted by dry sand on retaining surfaces under various conditions, and the motion and form taken by it when collapse occurs. He also investigates the phenomena theoretically, making the simplifications of his general formula justified by the experimental results. The first series of experiments undertaken aimed at ascertaining the pressure exerted on the bottom of a vessel in which sand is piled up to various heights, and the form assumed by it on collapse.

The apparatus used consisted of a wooden upper having the shape of a truncated pyramid, in the bottom of which—the smaller end—were downward—apertures of different shapes and sizes could be inserted, these being closed by a round, flat plate, on which the pressure of the sand was exerted, and attached to the end of a scale-beam, by means of which equilibrium could be maintained; this is served to measure the pressure. The diameter of the circular apertures used varied from 20 to 2.12 cm. (7.87 inches to

0.83 inch). For observing the alterations of form produced by collapse, the aperture in the base of the hopper was furnished with a short tube into which fitted a stopper capable of being raised or lowered. To obtain a record of the deformation taking place in the interior, when the sand was allowed to subside by the stopper being lowered, the former was arranged in the hopper in alternate colored and uncolored layers, and, when deformation had occurred, permeated by melted paraffine, which, on cooling, cemented the whole mass together in a solid body admitting of being sawn through, thus showing in section the nature of the alterations in form. These experiments proved that in the case of a circular aperture, on lowering the supporting stopper, a vertical cylinder of sand having as basis the aperture itself, was set in motion, the subsidence in the various sand layers decreasing toward the upper surface, in the case of a slight subsidence the uppermost strata remaining undisturbed. The effects were similar in the case of rectangular apertures. The coloring matter used was fuchsin. The pressure exerted when the height to which the sand is piled exceeds a certain dimension at which collapse occurs, is independent of that height, and for a given kind of sand is a function only of the area and circumference of the subsiding basis—in other words, of the aperture. Calculated and experimental results showed a very close agreement.

Further investigations were undertaken with an inclined orifice in the bottom of the hopper. Another series of experiments was carried out to ascertain the nature of the slip-surface where the lateral support of a mass of sand gives way, the conditions obtaining in the case of retaining walls under various circumstances being imitated as far as practicable. The apparatus used was analogous to that already described, with the modifications necessary for recording lateral instead of a vertical pressure and collapse. The results observed show that with a retaining wall, the inner surface of which is vertical or inclined outward, a horizontal or upward displacement of the latter, or a turning motion about the inner edge of the base, is followed by the formation of a slip surface in the sand having an inclination with the horizon of $\frac{\varphi + \varphi^0}{2}$, where the surface of the sand is level; φ represents the natural angle of repose of the material used. This agrees with the conclusions of many previous investigators of the same problem.

Mr. Forchheimer also experimented on the effect produced by a process the converse of the preceding, where sand is displaced by the pressure of the retaining surface and forced backward. In this case he found that with a horizontal upper surface and vertical wall, when the mass of sand behind the latter was practically unlimited, a plane slip surface, having the inclination of the natural angle of repose, is formed, which does not pass through the base of the wall; where the mass is limited, this surface becomes steeper the nearer the posterior inclosing wall is to the anterior. Various other investigations of a less exhaustive character were made, the materials used being chiefly Rhine sand, another species of fine sand (*Goldstrensand*) and dust shot.

The Oregon.—A new and powerful vessel for the Guion line was recently launched by the well-known Scotch shipbuilders, Messrs. John Elder & Co. The vessel, which has been named the Oregon, is designed as an improvement on the Alaska, and it is expected that she will excel the performances of that vessel. Her dimensions are as follows: Length over all, 320 feet; breadth, 54 feet; depth, 40 feet 9 inches; the gross tonnage is about 7500 tons. The vessel has all five decks. The extremities of the upper deck are well protected by extensive turtle decks, that at the forward part extending to about 100 feet aft from the stem. On the third or main deck accommodation is provided for 340 first-class, 92 second-class and 1100 third-class passengers. The first-class state-rooms are replete with all the fittings usual in the highest class of passenger steamers. The first-class dining saloon, which is placed in the midship part of the vessel forward of the machinery space, is a large and magnificent apartment, 65 feet long by 54 feet wide and 9 feet in height, and it is so arranged that all the first-class passengers can dine together. Ample light and ventilation are given to the saloon by a cupola 25 feet long by 15 feet wide, extending up to a large skylight, which can be kept open even in the stormiest weather. The state-rooms throughout the ship are so arranged that nearly all of them are fitted for two passengers only, a great luxury and convenience to travelers. The second-class saloon is situated abaft the engine-room, and it will be fitted up so as to tend to the comfort of the passengers. The whole of the upper part above the jigger or after-mast will be fitted up in a substantial manner for the steerage passengers. The greatest care has been taken in the lighting, ventilation and sanitary arrangements throughout. A complete adoption of the electric light on the incandescent principle will be made, adding greatly to the general effect of the tasteful decorations throughout. The Oregon is divided into 11 water-tight compartments.

The Pennsylvania Railroad is now building gigantic inclined plane at Pittsburgh, up which teams and freight and passenger cars will be hauled by means of steel cables, now being made by the Hazard Mfg. Co., Wilkesbarre. The plane has a total length of 840 feet, the rise being nearly 43 in. to one hundred. It is built on arches. The longest span is 232 feet, another one is 120 feet, and the rest 60 feet each. The cables to be used in hauling up cars are entirely of steel, and will be the largest steel cables ever made in this country. The engines which will furnish the motive power are nearly completed, and will be of 700 indicated horsepower. The total cost of the gigantic structure, complete, will be about \$275,000.

A British contemporary remarks that American hay forks are largely imported into England, having proved to be far superior to English make, and the demand is said to increase every year.

TABLE IV.
Results of Torsional Tests Made at University College, London, by Prof. A. B. W. Kennedy.

U. C. L. Test No.	Description of material.	Mark on piece.	Dimensions of test-piece.		Twisting moment, inch-pounds.		Ratio of limit to maximum.	Ultimate twist (No. of turns in length of 10 inches.)	Remarks.
			Diameter, inches.	Length between shoulders, inches.	At limit of elasticity.	At maximum.			
2719..	Cast steel from plate ingot	S.1	0.625	2.70	.....	3,168	.....	5.2	Silky fracture; surface much distressed and twisted.
2720..	Cast steel from J. Spencer & Sons	S.72	0.625	0.86	.....	3,972	.....	10.7	Silvery fracture; surface twisted, but regular.
2721..	Cast steel from J. Spencer & Sons	S.72	0.625	3.31	.....	3,756	.....	11.3	Silvery fracture; surface twisted, but regular.
2728..	Cast crucible steel from J. Jessop & Sons.....	C.2	0.625	3.30	.....	2,550	.....	2.2	Irregular silvery; a small flaw in fracture; surface flawed and distressed.
2801..	Cast crucible steel from J. Jessop & Sons.....	J.	0.635	6.00	1,200	2,940	0.400	1.8	Silvery irregular; a flaw in fracture; flaws on surface.
2805..	Cast steel from Steel Company of Scotland	R.1	0.625	5.13	960	3,516	0.273	5.0	Silvery, slight lamination showing on surface; twisted, but regular.
2722..	Wrought iron from crank-shaft.....	H.B.	0.625	0.96	.....	1,884	.....	0.8	Granular and cindery; some cracks on surface, and distressed.
2723..	Wrought iron from crank-shaft...	H.C.	0.625	5.20	660	2,520	0.262	4.9	Silky laminated; much distressed and twisted on surface.
2726..	Wrought iron from shaft by Thames Iron Works.....	C.	0.625	2.40	.....	2,040	.....	2.5	Silky; a bad flaw, with cinder in weld; distressed on surface.
2727..	Wrought iron from shaft by Thames Iron Works.....	L.	0.625	2.22	.....	2,820	.....	10.0	Silky; somewhat distressed and twisted.
2729..	Forged crucible steel from J. Jessop & Sons.....	F.	0.625	about 1.3	.....	2,588	.....	10.0	Irregular silvery; twisted, but very regular surface.
2724..	Forged steel from shaft of s. s. City of Berlin.....	W.P.1	0.625	3.65	.....	3,432	.....	12.8	Silvery; twisted, but fairly regular.
2725..	Forged steel from shaft of s. s. City of Berlin.....	W.P.2	0.625	1.11	.....	3,540	.....	11.5	Silvery; twisted, but fairly regular.
2730..	Forged steel from shaft of s. s. Faraday.....	B.1	0.625	7.05	1,200	4,108	0.291	4.6	Silvery, with a trace of crystal; surface twisted, but regular.
2731..	Forged steel from shaft of s. s. Faraday.....	B.2	0.625	7.04	1,380	4,199	0.329	5.1	Silvery; surface as 2730.

cent., an increase of 30 and 130 per cent. respectively. Ordinary plates rolled from the same charge to $\frac{3}{8}$ inch thick were found to have a tensile strength of about 27 tons per square inch, with an elongation of 26 per cent. in a length of 8 inches. The other experiments, in which plates were reduced to $\frac{1}{2}$ inch from thicknesses of ingot varying from 15 inches to 1 inch, show very little difference as regards tensile strength, but the ductility is greater in the cases in which the most work is put upon the material. The experiments, also, in which plates were worked down from various thicknesses of ingot slabs to $\frac{1}{4}$ inch thick give similar results, both as regards strength and ductility. While the different amount of work in rolling the plates from various thicknesses to either $\frac{1}{2}$ inch or $\frac{1}{4}$

crank-shafts and other engine work, the committee of Lloyd's Register consider that the tensile strength should not exceed 30 tons per square inch, and that a piece cut $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches square should be capable of bending cold through an angle of 90° over a radius not greater than $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches. It is possible that steel of greater hardness than this would be sufficiently ductile for many purposes, and with greater experience it will perhaps be found advisable to modify these tests, but more experience is now required in order to give greater confidence in the material.

Adjustable Sieves.—All who have occasion to employ sieves for different purposes are aware of the necessity of using those with different meshes in order to ac-

M. M. Appert, of Paris, since 1879, also dispenses with mouth blowing. Appert's apparatus is capable of blowing the largest pieces of glass, and it is extremely valuable from a humane point of view, as it prevents those maladies of the glass blower which arise from forced expiration and breathing hot, dry air. The apparatus, as described to the French Academy of Sciences, consists of two conjugate compressors put in action by the shafting of the works, and storing compressed air in reservoirs sufficient to serve 12 hours. It is distributed to the blowing apparatus by pipes with cocks, and controlled by a pressure regulator. In the Clichy Works the air is employed under three pressures, one of 42 pounds per square inch, one of 14 pounds per square inch, and one of 2.85 pounds per square inch. The last

TABLE V.

Tests made by Mr. James Neilson, at Mossend, to Ascertain the Effects of Various Amounts of Rolling and Hammering upon the Strength and Ductility of Steel Plates.

The following pieces were all cut from one ingot :

The following pieces were all cut from one ingot :						Dimensions of test-piece.			Breaking strains.		Elongat'n in 8 inches.
						Breadth.	Thick- ness.	Area.	Tons.	Tons per sq. in.	Per cent.
Piece 15 inches thick, hammered to 5 inches and then rolled to $\frac{1}{2}$ inch.....	"	"	"	"	"	Inches. 1.41	Inches. .5	Sq. inches .705	18.3	25.9	27.0
" 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ " " " "	"	"	"	"	"	1.40	.51	.714	18.9	26.4	27.0
" 10 " " " "	"	"	"	"	"	1.26	.49	.617	16.4	26.5	26.0
" 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ " " " "	"	"	"	"	"	1.27	.50	.635	16.65	26.2	24.0
" " " " rolled without hammering to $\frac{1}{2}$ inch.....	"	"	"	"	"	1.27	.48	.609	16.05	26.3	22.0
" 5 " " " "	"	"	"	"	"	1.42	.45	.639	16.7	26.1	24.0
" 3 " " " "	"	"	"	"	"	1.37	.50	.685	17.4	25.4	25.5
" 2 " " " "	"	"	"	"	"	1.39	.53	.736	19.2	26.0	26.0
" 1 " " " "	"	"	"	"	"	1.39	.48	.667	17.25	25.8	26.0
" cut lengthwise direct from ingot.....	"	"	"	"	"	1.38	.50	.690	15.2	22.0	9.0
" 15 inches thick, hammered to 5 inches and then rolled to $\frac{1}{4}$ inch.....	"	"	"	"	"	1.29	.25	.322	9.1	28.2	24.5
" 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ " " " "	"	"	"	"	"	1.29	.255	.326	9.5	29.1	22.5
" 10 " " " "	"	"	"	"	"	1.31	.25	.327	9.4	28.2	22.0
" 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ " " " "	"	"	"	"	"	1.26	.24	.302	9.0	29.7	16.0

						Size of test-piece.			Breaking strains.		Elonga- tion.
						Breadth.	Thick- ness.	Area.	Tons.	Tons per sq. in.	Per cent.
Piece cut direct from ingot.....	"	"	"	"	"	Inches. .96	Inches. .995	Sq. inches .955	22.6	23.6	10
Same piece after testing, hammered to $\frac{1}{2}$ inch.....	"	"	"	"	"	.55	.55	.302	9.7	32.1	11
Ordinary plates from same charge.....	}					1.39	.81	1.125	31.4	27.2	25
						1.39	.82	1.139	31.2	26.6	27
Piece 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch cut from ingot and rolled to $\frac{1}{8}$ inch round.....	"	"	"	"	"	.55 diameter		.237	7.25	30.6	23

inch does not appear to have a marked influence upon the tensile strength, the operation of rolling from $\frac{1}{8}$ inch to $\frac{1}{4}$ inch appears to have a great influence, increasing the strength in every case from about 26 to 29 tons per square inch. This would appear to be principally due to the fact that the latter rolling is necessarily performed at the comparatively low temperature, the thin plates losing their heat so much more rapidly than thicker ones.

It should here state the nature of the tests which have been applied by the surveyors of Lloyd's Register to cast-steel structures which came before them for approval. In the case of crank-shafts and other engine work, test-pieces have been cut for tensile and cross-bending tests either from portions which have had to be machined out, or from portions specially cast on for testing purposes, or from the heads of the casting. In cases of stern-frames and rudders and other large castings in which such tests are practicable, in addition to the tensile and cross-bending tests of pieces cut from the casting, they have been subjected to drop and percus-

comply the sorting of grain, seeds and other materials in the most satisfactory manner. The idea of a sieve so constructed that the mesh can be changed at will, without the necessity of removing the material from it, is one that must commend itself to all who have occasion to use such an article. The Milton Sieve Co., Limited, Milton, Pa., are manufacturing an article of this kind. Instead of having a round form, as is customary with many kinds of sieves, this has a square or rectangular rim, and the change in the mesh is caused by jointed corners of the rim, by which it can be compressed so as to be diamond or lozenge shape, instead of square. Of course, each intersection of the wires forming the mesh of the sieve is correspondingly affected, and therefore the mesh is changed in a proportionate degree by changing the shape of the sieve. One corner of the sieve is provided with a segmental shaped gauge, by which the sieve can be held in any desired position, or, in other words, the mesh maintained of any desired size. The manufacturers state that sieves of this kind

pressure serves for the construction of goblets, jugs, &c., lighting lamps, bottles, and so on. The air is supplied to the glass by giving it an axial rotation similar to that of the blow-pipe. The latter is fitted with a stop-cock by which the workman can regulate the air supply. The glass is rotated either on horizontal or vertical axes to suit the class of work. As the preacquired habits of the workmen have been consulted in this new apparatus, they readily become used to it. The new machine enables manufacturers to dispense with a number of the children formerly employed in this injurious work.

Effect of Pressure on the Melting Point of Ice.

The experiment of Bottomley, which apparently illustrates the fact that increased pressure lowers the freezing point of water, is well known. A wire weighted at both ends is thrown over a cake of ice and cuts through it. The ice melts beneath the wire and freezes above it. Professor Guthrie, at a meeting of the Physical Society, held in London, April 28, 1883, gives his reasons for

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producers and holders of stocks are less inclined to accept present prices for late deliveries. Consumers continue to draw largely on the stocks of immediate requirements. While some of the largest stove foundries are shutting down for the summer, the rolling mills and machine works in this region demand larger supplies. The Iron brokers of this region are reaching out with offers to new and distant fields of Iron, made not only in the West and South, but those made in East Virginia and Maryland. Considerable

Baltimore Charcoal Wheel Iron (all		
Baltimore Ore)	\$28.00	@ 30.00
Virginia C. B. Wheel Iron	28.00	@ 30.00

Anthracite, No. 1	22.00 @ 23.00
" " No. 2	20.00 @ 22.00
" " Mottled and White	17.00 @ 18.00
Charcoal C. B. Blooms	50.00 @ 55.00
Refined Blooms	40.00 @ 45.00

ST. LOUIS.

HOPPER & Co., Pig Iron and Iron Ore Merchants, 214 Pine street, report to us as follows, under date of July 14, 1883: The market remains unchanged.

HOT BLAST CHARCOAL IRONS.

Missouri	20.00 @ 21.50
Southern	18.50 @ 20.00
Ohio	20.00 @ 21.00

COAL AND COKE IRONS.

Missouri	20.00 @ 20.50
Southern	18.50 @ 20.00
Ohio	20.00 @ 21.00

MILL IRONS.

R-d Short	18.50 @ 20.00
Neutral	17.00 @ 18.00

CAR WHEEL AND MALLEABLE IRONS.

Missouri	21.00 @ 22.00
Southern	19.50 @ 20.50
Ohio	21.00 @ 22.00

Our English Letter.

Review of the British Iron, Steel, Metal and Hardware Trades.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

LONDON, ENG., July 2, 1883.

THE WEEK

It has been unproductive of matter of much moment from a standpoint likely to interest your readers, although it seems just probable that causes are at work in the iron trade which may presently give specific results. At the moment, however, everything is very quiet, and the end of the quarter has brought even less new business than is usual at similar junctures. The half year has also come to an end, and not a few of our manufacturers are utilizing the present dullness in order to take stock, in a metaphorical as well as in a literal sense. Literally, the stock-taking will occupy two or three weeks, or even more at some of the larger works, where the hot period is best utilized in this manner. Metaphorically, the mental stock-taking, so to speak, need not occupy many minutes, inasmuch as it merely represents the summing up and formulation of opinions and deductions accumulated during the past six months. Generally speaking, this summing up on the present occasion is not universally of a satisfactory nature. The turnover has been large in many cases, but profits have been meager, and there are plenty of works which will be well satisfied if they have made no loss upon the transactions of the first half of 1883. Competition was never keener than it has been these two or three months past, and the prices actually realized—not those openly quoted or spoken about—have been lower than has ever been known in many branches of the British iron trade. All sorts of expedients have been adopted with the view of obtaining orders and retaining old customers, some of which expedients are not unlikely to give trouble subsequently. Economies not dreamed of in the philosophy of a few years ago have been embodied in everyday practice, and hard driving has become a part of the regular routine of diligent furnace, mill and forge managers. In crude iron prices have been lower than for two or three years past, even in the open market, and there are good reasons for assuming that bottom figures have rarely been allowed to transpire. Some kinds of heavy manufactured iron have sold freely and at fair values, especially ship plates, the large output of which has enabled profits to be secured which would have been wholly non-existent with a smaller rate of output. Engineering and structural iron, too, have sold well and have given remunerative returns. Ordinary merchant iron has been dull, and I fancy has not been profitable, excepting sheets during the first quarter. Bars have certainly hung fire all along, and if they have not been sold at a loss in numerous instances, it has been for reasons best known to the puddlers and rollers. Therefore I have run lightly over some somewhat pessimistic ground.

I may now enliven the picture by stating that in many of the steel-trade departments and in the thousand and one branches belonging to, but not strictly within, the iron and steel trades, very respectable results indeed have been attained since the 1st of January last. There has been plenty of grumbling in these sections, yet I happen to know that much of this complaining has been what is emphatically styled "foxing," and has been merely intended to cloak the operations of the individual from the too eager and covetous gaze of others. I do not think the device has been invariably successful, especially in the cases of isolated works, but in a general way it may have had its uses. Striking a rough average, I think we may assume that the first moiety of 1883 has been a poor one for many of the members of the iron trade proper, while it has given at least average results to those who are outside the circle of the iron producers pure and simple. I have the honor of counting sundry gentlemen in these branches among my acquaintances and friends, and I am happy to learn that most, if not all, of them believe that their "returns" for the six months will be equal to those of the corresponding period of 1882, or maybe a trifle ahead. I don't think these instances are exceptional, but, rather, that they prove the rule. Going yet further afield, I may confidently assert that there are several departments in which the activity of 1883, up to the end of June, has been altogether without precedent. This has been the case more particularly in the engineering trades, the majority of the shops in those branches having had the fullest possible occupation since Christmas. The locomotive builders began the year well and are still much behind their orders, which are not only on home account, but also for France, Spain, Italy, Holland, Egypt, Turkey and many of our own Colonies. Two or three shops have their books filled with foreign orders, which will keep the works going for another 12 months, while other concerns have orders at their disposal when-

ever they like to take them in hand. The best part of a good deal of the foreign work is that it is virtually non-competitive. Some of the foreign railways will have English locomotives irrespective of price—within certain defined limits, of course. In Holland, for instance, one sees Beyer & Peacock's or Sharp, Stewart & Co's, engines everywhere, and in Belgium the same thing is observable, albeit on a small scale. From France alone we have now in hand orders for over 100 locomotives. Some of these orders may possibly be influenced, I admit, by the fact that many of the older lines of railway on the Continent of Europe were made and are still largely owned by British capitalists, besides having offices in London, where much of their rolling stock, &c., is purchased. The fact, however, is just the same, and it is a matter of supreme indifference to our engineering firms how or why they get the orders, so long as they do obtain them. Then, again, there are the agricultural engineers. These concerns (as I have recently mentioned in this correspondence) are completely choked up with work, many of them being months in arrear with their deliveries. They are running full time, and are turning out more engines and machinery than at any former juncture. These firms represent our best practice of its class, and their engines, &c., will compare most favorably with any thing the whole world produces. As a natural outcome their manufacturers are always in demand, and what is more curious, the call seems to grow larger every succeeding year. From Russia, Hungary, Roumania, Bulgaria, &c., the demand is practically illimitable, and taxes all the powers of those engaged in the business. I heard the other day of a single agent in an obscure town of South Russia having sold in a year nearly 100 sets of threshing machinery, at about £450 to £500 a set, for one English horse, while at a certain Continental exhibition the other day I myself heard inquiries for other large lots, coupled with complaints of the difficulties experienced in obtaining deliveries from English makers. It is thus evident that these manufacturers are fully occupied, and that they still "rule the roost" in their particular line. Their profits may not be commensurate with their turnover, but there is no good reason for assuming that they are working at a loss. They are, at all events, among the best equipped, best organized and most intelligent of our engineering houses, and their successes have only been attained by an amount of enterprise which has been most spirited and world-wide in its ramifications. In hardware I am not in a position to generalize quite so broadly as to the proceedings of the half year. I know of numerous houses which have done well in spite of the drawbacks of these hard times, while I also am aware that many other firms have had hard work to make both ends meet. On the whole, nevertheless, I fancy that matters may be classed as having been moderately satisfactory, although it goes without saying that customers are very "long-winded," and money is extremely scarce in the country districts. Some of the export markets, such as the Cape of Good Hope, have been badly disorganized or overstocked, and bad debts have been numerous, yet, on the whole, it is a fair assumption that business in hardware has been tolerably remunerative. I commenced this section of my letter under "The Week," whereas I find I have devoted most of my remarks to the past six months. Let me now endeavor to repair the omission by stating that "the week" has been very much like the "snakes in Ireland"—viz., there has been nothing in the week worthy of special remark save the weather. The weather, as you are doubtless well aware, is claimed to be a peculiarly British institution. You may have your sort of weather, the French theirs, and so on through the whole gamut, but our weather is an article specially prepared for home consumption, and is the only product we have failed in making a part of our export trade. The weather, then, of the week or ten days past has been splendidly fine—very hot, and only broken by local thunder storms in different parts of the country. These storms have in some cases been accompanied by hail (it is singular that hail rarely or never falls in our near forests or large woods), which has done more or less damage to the fruit and cereal crops; yet, on the whole, the farmers have had a good time, and are getting in their hay in fine condition. On the Continent most of the grass crops are heavy and the hay has been well got, and the remark has a wide application in England. The cereals are also looking well, while the showers have benefited the root crops hugely. The agricultural outlook is thus promising, and has not any drawback worthy of mention. To-day again is very hot—83° in the shade.

THE IRON MARKET

has been quiet all round, with Scotch warrants at 47/1 @ 47 1/2 after a speculative advance to 47/4 early last week. Makers' brands are easy and somewhat nominal at rates given elsewhere in this letter. Stocks continue to increase, although the shipments are good and the local consumption is said to be maintained; hence, it is assumed that the make is still too large. No movement has been initiated in the direction of restriction, however, albeit the Cleveland ironmasters are still discussing their own arrangement to that effect. In some quarters it is held that the restriction is likely to be abandoned as having become practically inoperative. Meantime, No. 3 is 39/ @ 39/6 in the face of very large exports, a strong Scotch demand, and a heavy local consumption. On the West Coast hematite pigs are dull and nominal at 49/6 @ 51/7 ton for mixed numbers, but with rumors that as low as 49/ has been accepted in one or two sales by second holders. The production is being gradually reduced, there being now only 53 out of 82 furnaces at work. Elsewhere all grades of pig iron are dull and weak, and sales are of no account. Heavy manufactured iron is still in large output, but transactions in the open market are of limited proportions. For armor plates, however, large commissions from Russia, &c., have been secured, while the boiler and ship-plate mills have an abundance of work in hand as well as on hand. In all kinds of merchant iron business is sluggish for the moment, pending the holding of the quarterly meetings next week. Manufacturers are earnestly trying to uphold values, or even to advance them, yet there seems to be little or nothing in the demand to warrant an advance. Sheets may perhaps form an exception to this rule, the galvanizers and other consumers of black sheets having come into the market as large buyers. Doubles may be called £8. 5/; singles, £7. 10/; and trebles, £8. 15/ and upward. Orders are said to have been declined in some cases at late rates. For hoops, too, a little more money is being asked, although users are not willing to close at higher rates. Bars run from £5. 10/ for ordinary Welsh to £7. 10/ for Staffordshire, marked sorts—Cleveland, Lancashire, &c., being intermediate both as regards quality and price. While referring to the condition, &c., of the English iron trade, it may be of interest to note the following expressions of opinion by Mr. J. D. Ellis, the chairman of John Brown & Co., Limited, Sheffield. That gentleman, in addressing the annual meeting of shareholders last week, said that although his sanguine anticipations of the past year had not been realized altogether, there had yet been some improvement in the business done. The directors had long held the opinion that the manufacture of steel rails in Sheffield must eventually be abandoned, and their wisdom had been justified in laying out their capital in other branches of manufacture. There was now, he believed, only one concern that made steel rails in the district. Alluding to the armor-plate department, he said although it had not been employed to the extent of its output, yet there had been considerable activity during the past year. The present state of the iron trade was about as bad as he had ever known it; but there were some indications of a better state of things, and, without venturing to prophesy, he trusted that by this time next year the directors would not, at any rate, have a worse report to lay before the shareholders.

At the meeting of the Darlington Steel & Iron Co., Limited, the chairman (Mr. T. Hugh Bell) said: "What the next few months of the trade might bring forth no one could tell. With regard to the low price of steel rails, the situation at present was not a very brilliant one, but, at the same time, it was not unbearable, and if it did not alter for the worse they might hope to hold their own." Steel rails are nominal at £4. 15/ or 20/; crop ends, 57/6 @ 59/; old leaf spring steel, £4. @ £4. 5/; old rails and heavy wrought scrap, nominal.

SCOTCH PIG IRON

has been a shade uneven since the date of my last report, but in the main has been quiet and devoid of new features of importance. There were rumors early last week of the receipt of considerable orders for Scotch pig iron from the United States, which rumors were promptly and smartly utilized by the speculators for a rise, but the thing proved very much of a "fizzle," and the American orders proved to have been of very moderate size. The spurt of 3d. or 4d. in warrants was lost, consequently, and the week closed at lower rates. It may be noted that warrants at Glasgow are now 47/ @ 47 1/2, against 49 1/2 this date last year, when the stocks in Connal's stores amounted to 636,537 tons, as compared with 584,402 tons now. Last week only 145 tons were added to the reserve stocks. Scotch shipments to date have been 301,473 tons this year, as compared with 299,702 tons last year same date. Imports of pig iron into Scotland from Middlesboro' have been 132,314 tons, against 106,092 tons last year. There are now 114 furnaces at work in Scotland, against 108 a year ago. Writing from Glasgow on June 29, James Watson & Co. said: "The Scotch pig iron market has been the turn of this week, warrants fluctuating between 46 1/2 and 47 1/2, cash. On Monday business was done from 47/1 to 47 1/2, and back to 47/1, and on Tuesday prices were from 47 1/2 to 46 1/2, and up to 47 1/2, cash. On Wednesday the market was steady between 47 1/2 and 47/1, and yesterday transactions took place at 47 1/2 and 47/. To-day prices were firmer from 47 1/2 to 47/2, cash, closing sellers at the latter. There has been more business doing in shipping parcels last week, several orders having been placed for the States, but prices remain, on the whole, unchanged. The shipments last week were 14,347 tons, as compared with 15,324 tons for the corresponding week of last year." We quote:

	No. 1.	No. 2.	No. 3.
G. M. B., at Glasgow	48/	46/	45/
Clyde	50/6	48/6	47/6
Coltness	50/6	48/6	47/6
Langloan	50/6	48/6	47/6
Gairloch	50/6	48/6	47/6
Summerlee	50/6	48/6	47/6
Calder	50/6	48/6	47/6
Carnbroe	50/6	48/6	47/6
Glenarnock, at Ardrossan	50/6	48/6	47/6
Eglinton	50/6	48/6	47/6
Dalmellington	50/6	48/6	47/6
Shotts, at Leith	50/6	48/6	47/6
Kinnell, at Boness	50/6	48/6	47/6
Carron, at Grangemouth	50/6	48/6	47/6

MIDDLESBORO' FIG IRON

is also quiet, on the basis of 39/3 @ 39/6 as the general price of No. 3 pig iron. The Cleveland ironmasters have fully discussed the question of further restricting the make, and have arrived at a tentative decision which virtually means they will not blow out any more furnaces, but does not quite settle the crucial point of continuing or ceasing the present nominal restriction. G. M. B., f. o. b. at makers' wharves in the Tees for net cash, less 2 1/2 %, are quoted:

No. 1 Foundry	41/6	Mottled	38/
" " "	41/6	White	37/6
" " "	41/6	Refined Metal	35/
" " "	41/6	Kentledge	40/
" " "	41/6	Cinder	34/

Shipments during June are expected to count over 90,000 tons. The men at Bolckow-Vaughans are working pending the decision of the arbitrator. The Walker Iron and Steel Works Co., Limited, on the Tyne, have decided to close their works and cease manufacturing, owing to the current low prices of ship plates and other finished iron.

WEST COAST HEMATITE PIG IRON

is without any alleviating feature, and is very slow of sale, even at the low values proffered by merchants, some of whom are willing to accept 49/ for mixed parcels of Nos. 1, 2 and 3, but the general quotation ranges from 49/6 to 51/7, makers' being highest. For makers' brands the following are the rates current for ordinary parcels—large lots might be shaded:

	No. 1.	No. 2.	No. 3.
Cleator	54/	52/	51/
Levens	54/	52/	51/
Workington	54/	52/	51/
Lowther	54/	52/	51/
Distington	54/	52/	51/
Harrington	54/	52/	51/
Solway	54/	52/	51/
Maryport	54/	52/	51/

There are 53 furnaces at work, and in the West Cumberland stores 53,707 tons. Last week's shipments included 13,940 tons of pig iron and 11,563 tons of steel rails, &c. Cumberland ores are being stocked at the mines; they are quoted 10/ @ 12/, and Furness 9/ @ 11/6 at the mines, while Spanish 54 % ores are without sale at 14/ @ 15/, ex-ship.

TIN PLATES

are almost devoid of noticeable features, the course of the trade being evenly dull. The agitation on your side for heavier duties on British tin plates is being watched with some interest, especially by the smaller men in Wales, many of whom are more men of straw. There is a certain apprehension that the present movement is likely to be attended with greater success than former commotions of a similar kind. From Liverpool a little more business is reported in tinned plates, while other information is to the effect that all the reputable manufacturers are well booked ahead and firm in their views. General rates may be called 16/ @ 16/6 for ordinary cokes, 18/ @ 19/ for ordinary charcoals and 19/6 @ 21/ for ordinary best charcoals, all in Liverpool.

FOREIGN.

FRANCE.

(Moniteur des Interets Materiels.)
PARIS, July 1, 1883.—Metals.—The business prospect generally and in Metals in particular continues encouraging. In Copper, Chili Bars have slightly improved and now command in France 150 kg., 165 @ 170; and Sheets, 170-50; Best Selected, 170-25; and Pure Corrocor Ore, 168-75; whereas Tin is lower, Banca being worth 257-50; Billiton, 253-75; Straits and Australian, 252-50; and English, 250. Lead has improved to 38 @ 39, but Spelter has dropped to 37-75 @ 40. Iron.—The iron market remains unaltered in this city. It is feared that when the order for railroad material shall be given, under the arrangement between the Government and the leading companies, they will be in excess of the capacity of our makers, coming in these orders will, all in a heap, and that a great deal will have to go abroad to be filled. Meanwhile the quotation here is for Merchant iron, 25 francs @ 100 kg.; ditto Charcoal, 25; Flooring iron, 18; Sheets, 21 @ 26; and Wire Nails, No. 18, in bulk, 27. At the North, the position of iron remains the same—that is to say, the market is heavy; Merchant, 17 @ 17-50; Sheets, 21, and Horse Shoes, 33. In the Haute-Marne, Merchant iron is quoted 19 @ 19-50, and No. 3 Pig, 8-70; a quiet feeling prevails. There is some complaint from the Loire basin, a few railroad material orders expected to be filled in the district having gone abroad; but for Italian account, on the other hand, the Terre Noire Co. filled some Sheet iron orders for 20 kg. At the South, at Balaruc, a Paris capitalist has purchased the blast furnaces. All we can say is that although things are as yet quiet in France in the iron line, the outlook is highly encouraging, so that in a week or two we hope to be able to report an active market and improving tendency. Coal is unchanged, but great activity is displayed to get off as much as possible before low water inland puts a stop to canal navigation. The output is steady in the Loire basin and at the South at well-sustained figures.

BELGIUM.

(Moniteur Industriel.)
BRUSSELS, July 2, 1883.—Iron.—The uncomfortable state of affairs hitherto referred to still prevails. It is difficult to see how we shall get out of the crisis we are passing through. It is true there are more inquiries, but they most of them result in so very little actual business that the latter does not suffice to improve rates. English Pig iron is still quite weak at 5-75 francs @ 100 kg., while Charcoal Country Pig sells at 7, and Anthracite at 6. Puddling does not seem to be with difficulty placed at 5-75, certain blast furnaces in Luxembourg having thrown on the Belgian market all their surplus stock at a figure equal to 4-75 francs deliverable at Charleroi, between Belgium and Germany. Their average at the works is still sufficiently large to leave them a good profit, because they belong to the German Customs Union, and sell 2 1/2 % of their output there. This selling out of the Luxembourg people is least done away with their competition among us for some time to come, but at any rate, these occurrences again demonstrate how favorably Luxembourg is situated between the two countries. Common Puddling we quote 4-75 @ 5-25. Merchant iron begins to be held with greater freedom at 12-50 francs, with 1 franc difference between numbers. Beams command 13 francs @ 100 kg., and Corners, 13-50. Sheets sell slowly at 17 francs, No. 2; 19, No. 3; 21, Commercial; 23, Thin, and 27, No. 4. Coal.—The Coal situation remains tolerably sound, notwithstanding a slight giving way in one or two species. Since the French Government has come to a conclusion with the great railroad lines there, it is believed that Coal in Belgium is going to be benefited thereby. Meanwhile manufacturing activity in Belgium generally, outside of the iron line, is satisfactory, keeping up a good Coal demand. Even domestic Coal is very firm, although this is the dull season for it. Coke sells at 15.

GERMANY.

(Borzenhalle.)
HAMBURG, July 3, 1883.—Iron.—Since our last report the iron situation in Germany has slightly improved; at least the downward tendency in Puddling Pig has been decidedly arrested. In Upper Silesia the demand for such has become livelier, but without so far leading to a rise. Merchant iron, on the other hand, remains neglected and easy. Sheet iron enjoys a good demand; work abundantly at all steel works. The latter, like the Luxembourg Pig iron makers, place part of their product abroad if English and Belgian competition permits them to do so, but are compensated by selling at comparatively high prices within the Customs Union, so that between the one and the other the result of their labors is satisfactory. Rolled Wire still remains dull, but other kinds of Wire are rather better. Hardware manufacturers, tool makers and foundries have plenty of orders on hand to last them for some months to come, and so have the makers of Metallic Cloth. In several large cities, particularly at Berlin, there is a great deal of building going on despite the decline in rents; this is chiefly due to the greater activity in industry and general business, and to the endeavors on the part of land lords to build houses and cottages replete with modern comforts and thus likely to rent better. Furthermore, the fine crop prospects hold out hopes of a good fall trade encouraging to enterprise. It is to be presumed that the iron situation will soon be benefited by these influences at work. Meanwhile Metals remain quite dull. We quote: Lead—German Pig, 13-25 @ 13-50; English, 14-50 @ 15; Copper is a little firmer at 71 @ 72, the latter for Lake; Tin is in better request at 105 @ 108, but Spelter without anything doing, 15-25 @ 15-75; all in marks @ 50 kg.

(Wirth & Co.)

FRANKFURT-ON-MAIN, July 1, 1883.—Mineral Oils.—It is not to be presumed that there is going to be a permanent decrease of Petroleum production in the United States; it may occur later on, but is not likely now. Hence, after a good many fluctuations, prices are likely to return to a normal level, the more so as it is a good many localities, such as California, Mexico and Brazil, new and promising territory is just at present being opened up calculated to cover the steadily growing consumption, not to speak of the competition of Russian Oil with American, which is quite as essential where the difference in freight charges is in favor of Petroleum from the Caucasus. Lubricating Oils from the latter province show a notable improvement in quality.

GREECE.

(Mining Review.)

LAURIM, July 2, 1883.—Lead and Spelter.—The report read at the general meeting of shareholders shows that the net profit for the fiscal year, ended June 1, has amounted to 1,058,685 drachmas of francs, out of which the Laurim Mining Co. have declared a dividend of 45 francs per share. The product has been 45,465 tons of Crude Calamine, 41,300 tons of Lead Ore, and 12,000 tons of Zinc and Lead Ore mixed. The production of Crude Calamine has been 33,588 tons. The smelting works turned out 131 tons of Lead, with an average Silver contents of 2000 grams @ ton. The railway is in operation since March last; it cost 974,457 francs to build the same. Total shipments of Ore, 48,149 tons. The amount of 511,521 francs has been spent in sinking new shafts. The company shipped to the Escombrera-Heilberg Co. during the year 10,000 tons of mixed Ore; to the Marseilles Co., 1876 tons of Pig Lead and 1371 tons of Lead Ore.

HOLLAND.

(Koch & Plietboom.)

ROTTERDAM, July 3, 1883.—Tin.—The market, though firm, has been quiet at 57 guilders @ 50 kg. Billiton, spot, and 58 September delivery, while Banca, spot, is offered at 58.25. Total deliveries of Banca Tin in Holland during the past six months have been 61,886 Slabs, against 68,613 in 1882, and 78,650 in 1881. Visible supply July 1, 147,175, against 117,892 and 110,585; Billiton deliveries, 47,166, against 47,360 and 55,480; visible supply, 105,513, against 276,281 and 50,234.

AUSTRIA.

(Austrian Trade Journal.)

VIENNA, July 3, 1883.—Iron.—The demand for Merchant Iron has been rather slack, but the deliveries have meanwhile continued large from previous orders. A good current of orders is kept up in Sheets, especially for building purposes. Hardware might be more active, but it is to be supposed it will become so in a month or two in consequence of good crops, which always influence the demand for it, for tools and agricultural implements, very much. Some disappointment is felt at the slight export demand for these articles just at present. Pig iron shows great firmness. We quote in florins per ton: White Pig, 51 @ 53; Gray do., 54 @ 57; Bessemer do., 57 @ 59; Merchant, Styrian, 130 @ 131; Bohemian, 111 @ 120; do. for locomotives, 120 @ 121; for roofing, 120 @ 125; for boilers, 125 @ 125; for tanks, 120 @ 125, and beams, 140 @ 145. Metals have been quiet and rather depressed, especially Copper and Tin. There has been some demand for Spelter at irregular prices. Lead remains quiet, but steady.

CHILE.

(Weber & Co.)

VALPARAISO, May 14, 1883.—Copper.—In sympathy with the decline in London, there has been a steady retrograde movement in prices precipitated, if possible, by the tendency in the exchange market. Sales during the fortnight 22,000 quintals at 82.5 @ 82.75. Nitrates have been sold at 8.25 for 5; buyers are discouraged by cable news, and holders show little disposition to meet their lowered views. Sales 234,000 quintals. There were chartered 15,500 tons for Europe, and 3500 for the United States. Although prices have been tending downward, the output has increased to reduce expenses.

EXPORT DURING THE FIRST FOUR MONTHS.

	1881.	1882.	1883.
To the North of Europe	1,601,633	2,211,684	3,305,295
To the Mediterranean	8,001	74,517	67,851
To the Atlantic U. S.	260,000	748,390	44,385
To California	44,000	83,945	88,786
Total	1,913,633	3,114,436	3,506,318

Coal.—Decreased shipments this way begin to be felt. Australian sold at 37/ to arrive; no English offering. Exchange, 34 1/2.

MEXICO.

(La Libertad.)

DURANGO, July 4, 1883.—Tin.—The first ton of Tin from the mines located between this city and Chihuahua has been shipped to the United States. These mines are worked by American capitalists, under the supervision of an experienced Australian Tin miner, and are of great promise. The yield of Ore is asserted to be 7 1/2 %.

EAST INDIES.

(Schmidt, Kustermann & Co.)

PRINANG, June 2, 1883.—Tin.—The market opened on the 15th ult. at 83.50, and gradually rose under a good demand for China to \$90.75, but subsequently re-advanced to \$95.00, in order to wind up at \$95.00. The receipts have been 7000 piculs, of which Europeans took 4000 and Chinese 3000. Exchange, 4 months' sight, bank, 3/6 1/2.

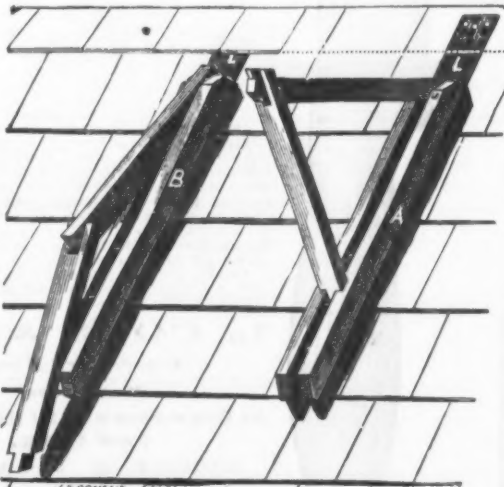
The Explosion at Kutztown.

A terrible boiler explosion occurred at the anthracite-iron furnace of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad, at Kutztown, on the morning of the 17th. At 4 o'clock the inhabitants of the place were aroused from their slumbers by a rumbling sound like that of an earthquake. This was followed a second later by a shock that was strong enough to knock people from their feet. People at once proceeded to the furnace. It was found that one of eight boilers walled in there had exploded, with terrible destruction to life, limb and property, and the others were thrown around. The furnace is operated by Messrs. William M. Kaufman & Co., and the casting hour was 4.30 a. m. Just before the final preparations were made, the men went outside to get some fresh air. Suddenly a terrible noise of escaping steam was heard, and the next instant the boilers were lifted with a crash and the furnace was a wreck. Large portions of the boilers were thrown long distances, and the air was filled with flying debris, among which were the mangled and lifeless remains of the workman. One large piece of boiler iron was sent flying through the air, and landed nearly a quarter of a mile from the boiler-house. The stock-house of the furnace, the boiler-house and adjoining buildings were torn to splinters, and never was a scene of such indescribable confusion witnessed. When the people of the borough arrived they at once made strenuous efforts to remove from the wreckage the men that were buried beneath it, and it was found that by almost a miracle but one man was killed outright. Four others were fatally injured, and many others sustained serious injuries. The only man killed was Franklin Waltham, 21 years of age. He was at the door of the boiler-house when the explosion occurred, and was covered by a red-hot boiler that fairly roasted him to death. He was fearfully lacerated, and his body, limbs and head were a charred mass. The damage to the property will amount to many thousands of dollars. The seven boilers that were thrown out of position by the explosion were badly damaged. The furnace will have to be entirely rebuilt.

Four hundred men are thrown out of work by a fire which destroyed the shops of the New Haven Rolling Mill Co. on the 15th. The loss to the company in buildings and machinery is about \$50,000. The fire broke out over the annealing boxes. It could have easily been put out when discovered, but no water was to be obtained. The city water company had cut off the water supply to the mill in order to make repairs to the mains.

A New Roofing Bracket.

There is a well-defined demand among builders, and more particularly shingle roofers, for a device for sustaining a simple form of scaffolding during the process of laying shingle roofs. In the accompanying engraving we show a roof bracket manufactured by Mr. C. H. McIntire, of Reading, Mass., which is being at present introduced to the trade for this purpose. The bracket is of wood, with the exception of the pins which fasten the parts together and the plate by which it is secured to the roof. The engraving shows the bracket on the right in position for use, while on the left it is shown partly folded together, indicating the small compass to which it may be reduced when not in use. The bracket in use is secured by three nails driven very nearly home, in such a position as to be covered by the succeeding course of shingles. Holes corresponding to the nails are provided in the upper end of the plate L. From these holes slots are made running upward, thus making it possible to hook the plate upon the nails in such a manner as to secure it firmly in place. As the work progresses and the bracket is required in another position, it is released by shoving upward and lifting off from the nails which have held it, and the shingle which has been placed over them, as shown in the view to the left, closes down in such a manner as to cover them from observation. The specimen of the bracket which we have examined is a very neat article in point of workmanship and construction. Three pins between the parallel pieces forming the base make it adjustable for different pitches of roofs. It is strong and appears likely to give satisfaction to those who employ it.



A New Roofing Bracket.

LATEST LEGAL DECISIONS.

SALE FOR CASH—PAYMENT WAIVED.

A sold for cash to B 350 packages of goods, who in turn sold them to C. A then attached the goods in the hands of C as the property of B, and C took them back by replevin. An action for conversion was then brought, and the plaintiff recovered. The defendant carried the case in error—Heller vs. Elliot—to the Supreme Court of New Jersey, where he got a decision in his favor. The Chief Justice (Beasley), in the opinion, said: "The jury have found that as the sale was for cash, and no money was paid, the title did not vest in the vendee, but remained in the vendor. But if the vendor in any way waived the requirement of a cash payment, then the title vested in the purchaser. In this case we think there has been a waiver of the condition of payment. After the delivery of the merchandise, and after the sale of it by the vendee, the original vendor caused an attachment to be issued against the property of his vendee for the price of the goods, and had these very goods levied upon under the writ. When the plaintiff proceeded to enter upon this cause of law, he was plainly in a position to adopt either branch of an alternative. He could have insisted that he was still the owner of the goods, and have recovered them and sued the vendee for a breach of his stipulation to accept and pay for them, or he could waive the stipulation as to payment as a prerequisite to the vesting of the title, and sue for the stipulated price. This latter course was the one pursued by him when he sued out the writ of attachment, and that procedure is utterly incompatible with the theory that the title to the property had not become fixed in the vendee."

1. SURETY—PARTNERSHIP—DISSOLUTION—2. SUBROGATION OF SURETY.

A, B and C, partners, made their firm note to C, who indorsed it, and it was negotiated. The firm paid interest upon this note until A left the concern. B and C took the assets and assumed the liabilities. In an action by C against A and B on this note, he, C, having paid it, the defendants had judgment. C carried the case—Moore vs. Topf—to the Supreme Court of Minnesota, where a reversal was got. Judge Sheldon, in the opinion, said: "1. As between A, B and C, after the dissolution and assumption of the assets and liabilities, A and B were principal debtors, and C their surety upon this note. 2. It is a settled principle in equity that a surety, upon paying the debt of the principal, is entitled to be substituted in the place of the creditor, as to all securities held by the latter, and have the same benefit he would have therein."

CONTRACT TO EXTEND TRADE NOT IN WRITING—PARTNERSHIP.

A agreed verbally with B, C and D, who were partners, that he would introduce a certain brand of their lime in a specified locality, and work up a trade in it, and sell no other kind of lime for a period of five years. He was bound to give all the time and means reasonably necessary to introduce this lime to the public, and he was to have the exclusive right to sell the lime in this territory and to receive the same at reduced rates. Under this contract A expended large sums of money, and gave all the requisite attention to develop the trade, but after having established an extensive trade, B, C and D refused to abide by their verbal agreement. In a suit for damages for breach of contract—Frazier vs. Howe—the defendants made their defense on the ground that the contract was not in writing, which the statute of frauds required, as it was not to be fully performed within a year, and they succeeded. D, of one of the partners, died, and his widow came into the firm, and she sought to escape from A's claim, and the further ground that she had never been a party to the contract. The judgment below was reversed by the Supreme Court of Illinois. Judge Schofield, in the opinion, said: "1. A was entitled to recover in quantum meruit the amount expended by him in working up the trade, and the value of his time and services and that of his employees in effecting the object of the contract, and evidence of the verbal agreement is admissible

to prove the plaintiff's case. 2. When the widow of one of the concern comes in to take her husband's place therein, and there is no intention to make any change in the business operations, she must be held to answer the burdens and to take benefits her husband would have undergone and enjoyed. So, if the firm, after her accession, continues to execute a contract made before, which benefits her, and the firm afterward repudiates the contract on the ground that it is not in writing, she will be liable with the other partners under a quantum meruit."

ENFORCING CONTRACT—TIME OF PAYMENT.

W agreed to sell A a house and lot, but no time was fixed for the payment of the purchase money. W only signed the contract,

and A paid him a part of the money. W refused to convey the land, on the ground, first, that it was not binding, because of the lack of A's signature; second, that the purchase money had not been paid or tendered in time. A succeeded in the suit, and W carried it on appeal—Austin vs. Wacks—to the Supreme Court of Minnesota, where it was affirmed. Judge Vanderburgh, in the opinion, said: "1. The objection that the contract was not mutual, because not signed by A, and therefore not valid, is not sufficient to defeat A's right to have the contract enforced. The contract was partly executed upon a valuable consideration, and it is fair that it should be enforced. 2. Unless the time of payment is made an essential part of the contract, delay in making payment will not destroy a vendee's rights."

BOARD OF TRADE—VALUE OF MEMBER'S SEAT—CREDITORS.

The certificate of membership of one of the Chicago Board of Trade was directed to be sold for the benefit of the holder's creditors, and he carried the judgment—Barclay vs. Smith—to the Supreme Court of Illinois, where it was reversed. Judge Craig, in the opinion, said: "This certificate entitles the holder to attend the meetings of the board and deal in the various products of the country, but he is not entitled under it to any dividends or pecuniary profits. Though a valuable privilege is not property, and is not subject to sale for the member's debts, it is a right which may be regarded as valuable, and which has a market value; but it is a right which cannot be diverted or destroyed except by the board itself or a failure of the member to conform to its rules and regulations, and it is not transferable except the assignee is approved by the votes of at least ten directors. This membership is like the membership of a church, with its privileges, and the memberships in Masonic and other social organizations, and licenses to carry on certain callings or business. It has never yet been claimed that these privileges, however valuable, can be made the subject of a sale to satisfy a debt."

PARTNERSHIP ACCOUNTS SETTLED—REOPENING ACCOUNTS.

A firm had been dissolved and had fully settled all of their accounts, with creditors and with each other. One member, finding, as he thought, that he had been defrauded by the sales of goods of which no proper account was kept, brought his complaint for a new accounting. It was refused, and he carried the case to the Court of Appeals of Kentucky, where he was again defeated. Judge Prior, in his opinion, said: "In this case the appellant made nearly all the purchases. He knew what the goods cost, and must have had some idea of the marketable value. The books were open to him, and he made a settlement with his eyes open, and he is now in a court of chancery unable to designate any wrong practiced upon him, but asking the Chancellor to reopen the settlement with a view of ascertaining whether or not he has been defrauded."

INJUNCTION—TRESPASS.

C removed a fence, which he said was on a public road, and after it was replaced he removed it again. He threatened that he would continue to remove it, and he applied for an injunction to prevent the replacement of the fence, and got it. The defendant carried the case—Owens vs. Cropett—to the Supreme Court of Illinois, where the decree was reversed. Judge Walker, in the opinion, said: "For a single trespass, when the party charged can respond in damages, an injunction will not be granted upon a threat to commit another trespass. But if he is insolent or threatens to continue grave trespass, he will be enjoined. In this case, however, there is a defect in the proof which will defeat the plaintiff's bill; he does not show or assert that the fence in question was on a legally established road and was located at the precise place where the fences are built."

Accident to the Steamer Main.—The steamer Main, of the North German Lloyd, which sailed for Bremen on Saturday afternoon, broke her shaft soon after passing Sandy Hook, and had to be towed back to port. She left her dock in Hoboken at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon, with about 65 cabin passengers and a large number in the

steerage. The Main proceeded down the Bay and passed through the Narrows at about 3 o'clock. The tide was high at the Sandy Hook bar, which was passed at about 4.40 p. m. The pilot left the steamer, which headed out to sea, but in less than five minutes afterward she was seen to slow up and come to a standstill. Shortly afterward she showed signals of distress, her main shaft having broken. Captain Heimbruch ordered a boat to be lowered, and sent one of his officers to Sandy Hook, where he telegraphed to Oelrichs & Co., the agents of the North German Lloyd, to send down tugs to tow the disabled steamer back into port. Had the accident occurred in mid-ocean, it might have proved very serious. As it was, the vessel will probably not be delayed here more than a few days.

INDUSTRIAL ITEMS.

CONNECTICUT.

The Hartford Hammer Co. are building up a considerable export trade in their specialties, which have already gained a wide reputation in Scotland and are being introduced there. Shipments of two lots of 100 dozen each were lately made to Scotland on order.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The Merrimack Mfg. Co., of Lowell, have recently put in a 5-inch Curtis pressure regulator on their steam pump, which throws a 16-inch stream of water and feeds a battery of boilers furnishing 7000 horse-power of steam.

PENNSYLVANIA.

The Pennsylvania Bolt and Nut Co. are fairly started in their new works, located in Lebanon. The premises are probably the most extensive and convenient of anything of the kind in this country, and were designed and built especially for this class of trade. The ware room is 150 x 50, three stories in height, with car track for the first and second stories. The machine shop and furnishing room is 120 x 80, the burring room 60 x 20, and the factory, which contains a 10-inch train of rolls, is 80 x 120. They manufacture all descriptions of bolts and nuts from 1/4 up to 2 1/2, besides boiler rivets, washers, turn-buckles, &c. A very successful career may be expected, inasmuch as the managers have had long experience in the business, a plant designed for convenience and labor saving, and the most improved machinery, besides controlling every process of manufacture from the puddling furnace through the rolling mill until its conversion into the finished article.

The Jackson Mfg. Co., of Harrisburg, are meeting with a great demand for their patented steel barrows. Among others they manufactured pig-metal barrows, charging barrows and steel mining wagons, which are in use in all sections of the United States, besides which they are gradually working their way into foreign countries.

ILLINOIS.

The Stover Mfg. Co., of Freeport, manufacturers of special machinery, have completed 15 barb-wire machines for the H. B. Scott Co., of Pittsburgh, and have just shipped one carload of feed mills to St. Joseph, Mo., and to Baltimore and Lincoln, Neb. They are running their establishment to its full capacity, and are full of orders.

The Morris Cutlery Co., Morris, are employing at present 25 men on full time. They report that orders are coming in very freely. They make over 200 different styles of pocket knives, and have a capacity for turning out 700 dozen per month at present, and claim workmanship and material equal to any made.

The Chicago Forging Co., Pullman, have just added to their works two new power drills, a new planer, 4 x 21 feet, and a press. They are running full time, and anticipate an excellent fall trade.

A new barb fence wire company is to be located at Ottawa, on the lines of the C., B. & Q. and C. & R. I. railroads. The capital has been subscribed, and the company will begin operations within the next 90 days.

The Aurora Malleable Iron and Machine Works have shut down their malleable-iron department for repairs. They will start up again September 1; in the meantime they will build new brick stack, also two new annealing ovens. They have just filled an order for 5000 anvils for R. A. Austin & Co., Oregon, and are completing an order for 4000 more for the same firm. They are also building the machinery for the New Aurora Watch Co., which will begin operations September 1.

The Wilcox Mfg. Co., Aurora, report they are full of orders for the Richards parlor door hanger, and are pushing the new Aurora barn and warehouse door hanger as much as possible. This hanger is made in two sizes, for 2 to 8 and 8 to 14 feet wide doors.

WISCONSIN.

The Appleton Mfg. Co., of Appleton, will commence the erection at once of a new building, 32 x 100 feet, two stories, to be completed September 1. They report trade good on their new lightning hay carrier, and have in preparation a new hay fork, in which, with the carrier, are combined many excellent features. They are also manufacturers of the "Badger" seeder, which they claim is superior to any machine of the kind in the market.

The Champion Horse Nail Co., Appleton, report that they are very busy and will run extra hours from now on for the balance of the year.

MISSOURI.

The Medart Patent Pulley Co., St. Louis, have removed to their new works and office, Nos. 1205 to 1214 North Main street. They have now a capacity for manufacturing 300 pulleys per day.

Telephone Troubles.—Reports from Oshkosh, Wis., are to the effect that measures were recently taken to cut down the wires and poles of the Wisconsin Telephone Co., in accordance with an ordinance recently passed by the Council upon the refusal of the company to pay a license of \$300 exacted by the same ordinance. The work of destruction was only partly carried out, measures having been taken by the company to stay the proceedings. Various plans of opera-

tion were suggested and discussed by the stockholders, but no positive course was decided upon. One proposed plan was to take the matter into the courts and there have it settled. Another was to raise the rental of telephones to meet the additional expense of the license, and thereby indirectly cause the pockets of patrons to stand the city license tax. Still another idea was to withdraw the service from Oshkosh entirely until the city reimbursed the company for all damage done and guaranteed a free and unobstructed right of way for the line. Which course will be pursued yet remains to be decided. In defense of their refusal to pay the imposed tax the company claim that it is already paying a State tax in place of all other taxes, and to pay the proposed license would take fully 20 per cent. of the company's net receipts from the exchange, and it is thought, moreover, that should the company accede to the demand made by Oshkosh, every city having an exchange would adopt the same course.

A New Source of Albumen.—Albumen is a substance indispensable in many processes of manufacturing. It is among the most nutritive properties of beef and vegetables, but almost the only source from which it has hitherto been obtained as a merchantable commodity is the hen's egg, the "white" being pure albumen. In supplying the demands of commerce for this article the barnyards of France have been taxed to the utmost. As eggs are rarely found in other countries beyond the local requirements for food, very naturally the cost of albumen to the consumer is high, ranging from \$1.25 to \$2.40 per pound, and the trade is commonly supposed to yield enormous profits.

We now hear it asserted by enterprising gentlemen of this city, and apparently on adequate authority (the inventor being Prof. Uno Harold Hillman, a Scandinavian chemist), that pure albumen is about to be manufactured and put upon the market from a source hitherto unknown, and that the available supplies are literally as boundless as the ocean. The source referred to is the spawn of fish, so that cur cod, menhaden and shad fisheries are to contribute additional wealth from their hitherto waste products. It is predicted that these interests must ultimately receive an immense impetus from increased profits, and that the United States Fisheries Commission will find an incentive for doubling its efforts in fish propagation. Extensive works are in course of erection on the Massachusetts coast, and the United States Albumen Mfg. Co., who own the exclusive right to manufacture albumen and all its products from the spawn or ova of fish, expect soon to begin operations on an extensive scale. Their capital of \$300,000 is said to be in strong hands. The process is simply to separate the spawn from the inclosing membrane, crush it in machinery, and the albuminous water resulting is boiled in a vacuum at a temperature not exceeding 115° F. Albumen is consumed on a large scale in cotton mills, print works, by manufacturers of fine stationery, and in many of the arts. A process which promises to reduce the cost more than one half is of some importance.

The White Star steamship Britannic recently arrived at this port after a passage of a little more than eight days from Queens-town. The recent round trip of the Britannic from Liverpool to this city and back again was accomplished in 19 days, 2 hours and 30 minutes, and this is said to be the quickest round trip on record, either from Liverpool or New York.

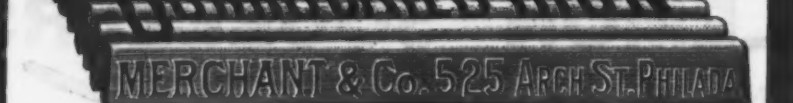


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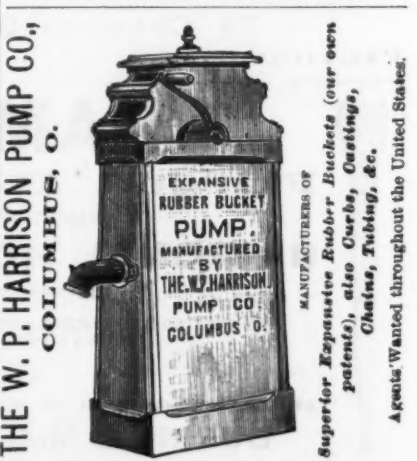
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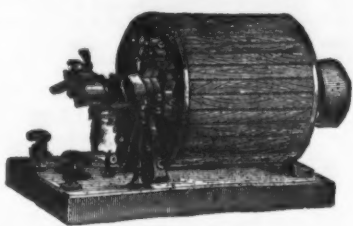


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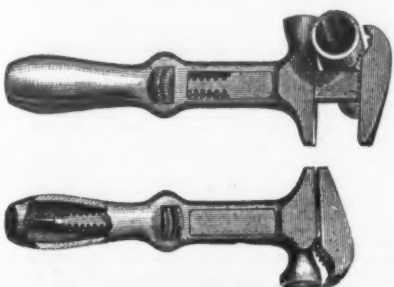


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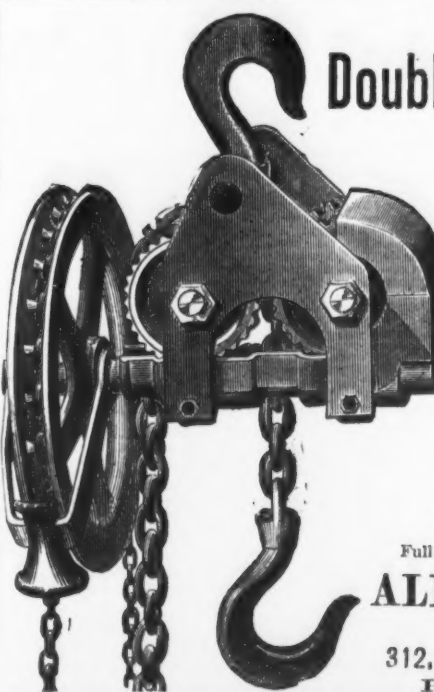
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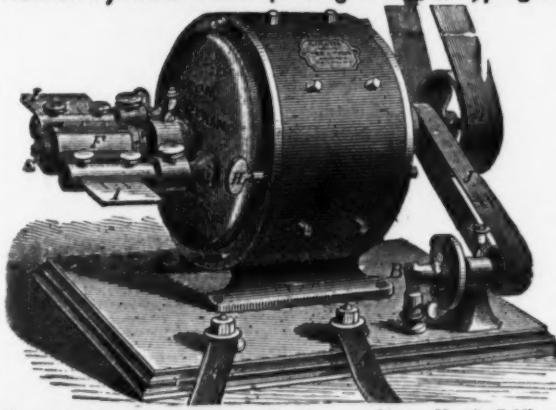
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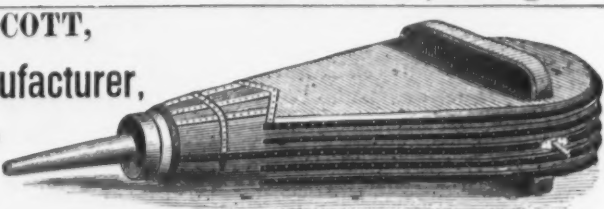
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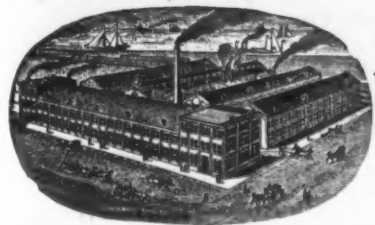
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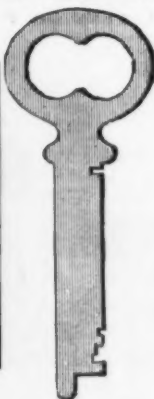
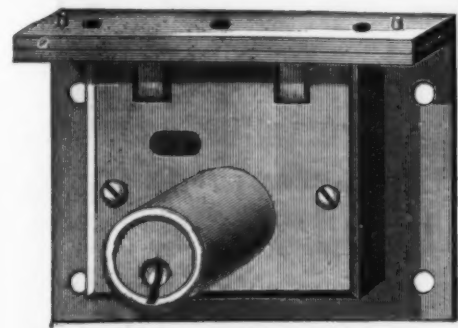
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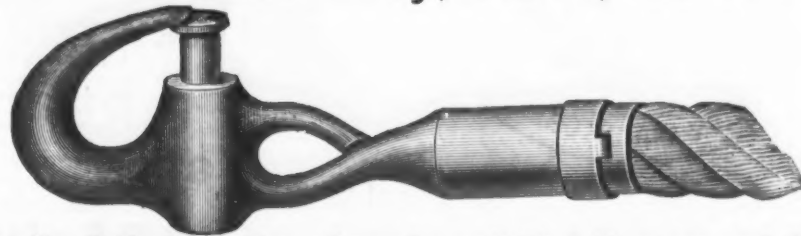
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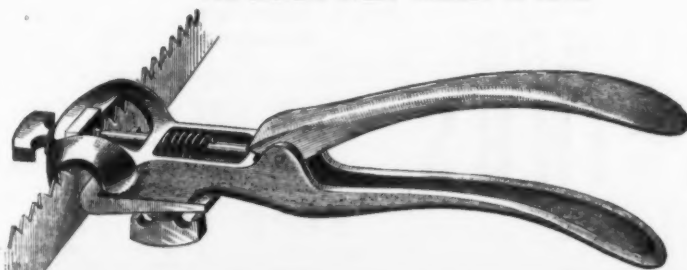
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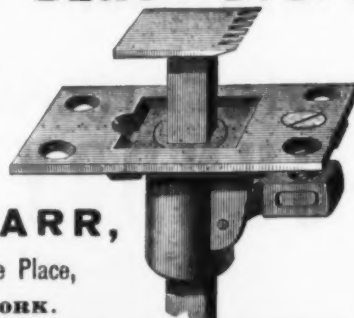
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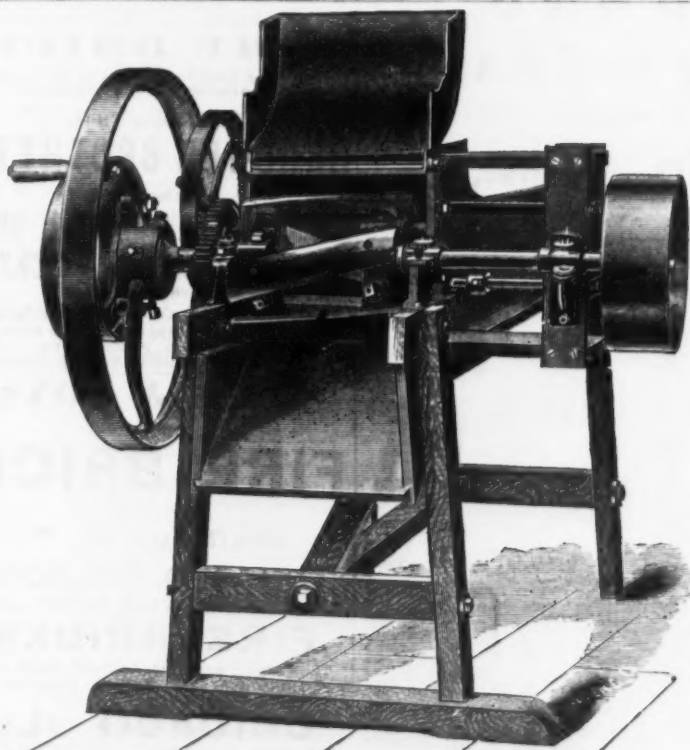
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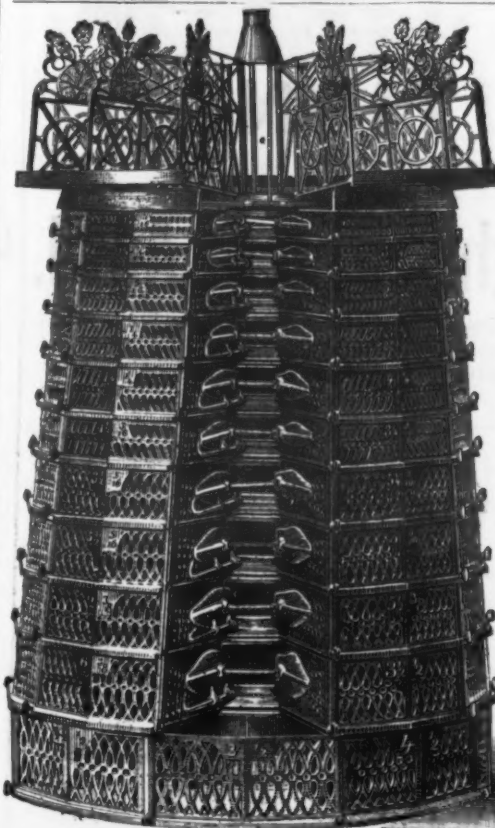
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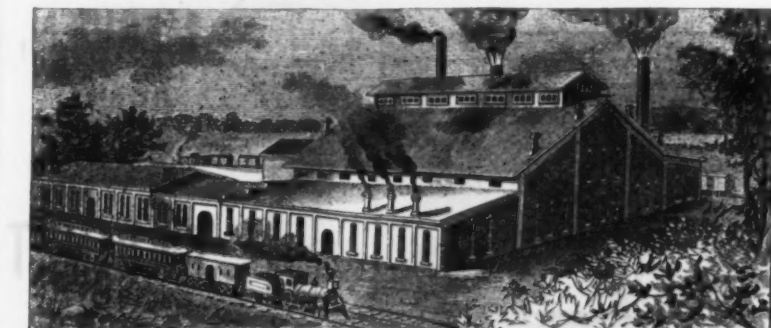
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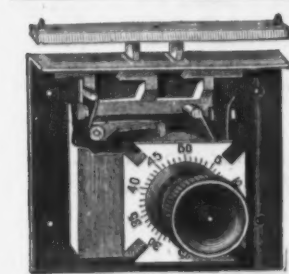
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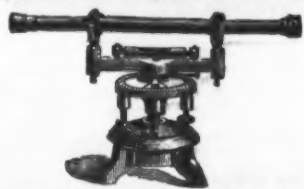
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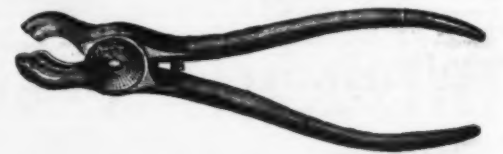
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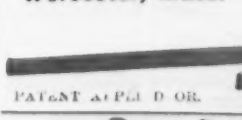
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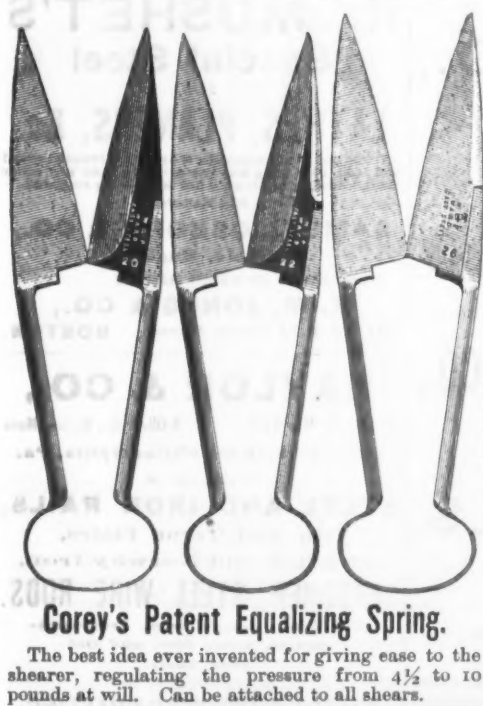
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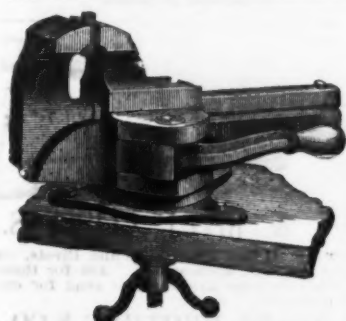


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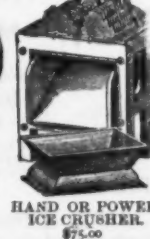
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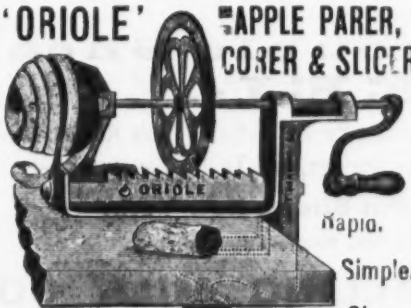
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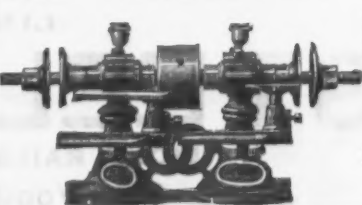
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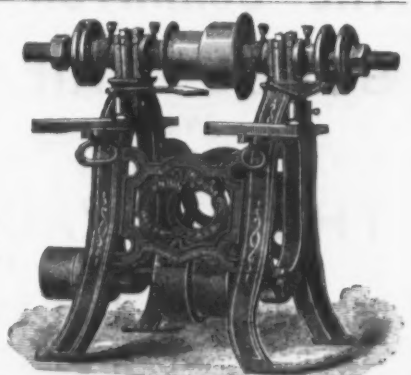
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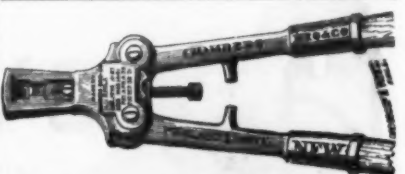
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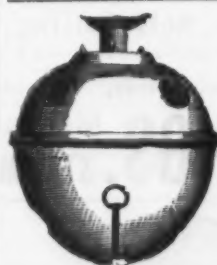
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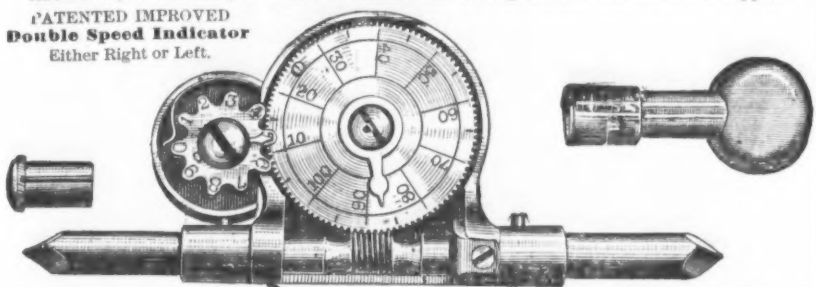
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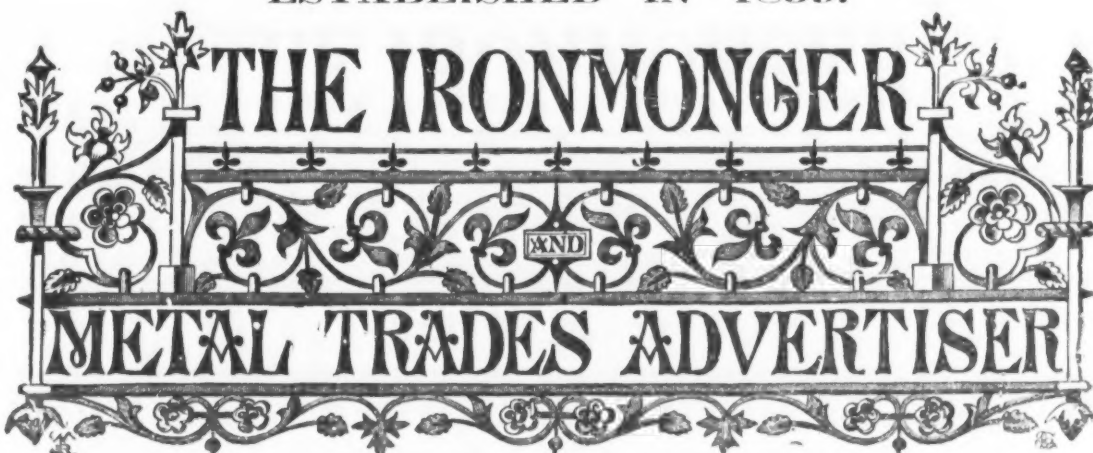
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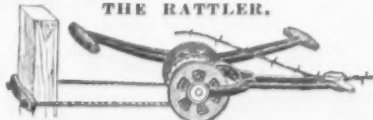
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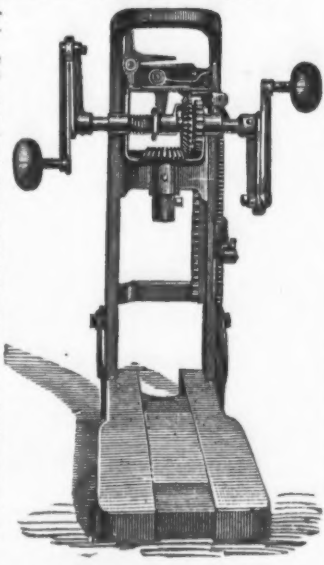


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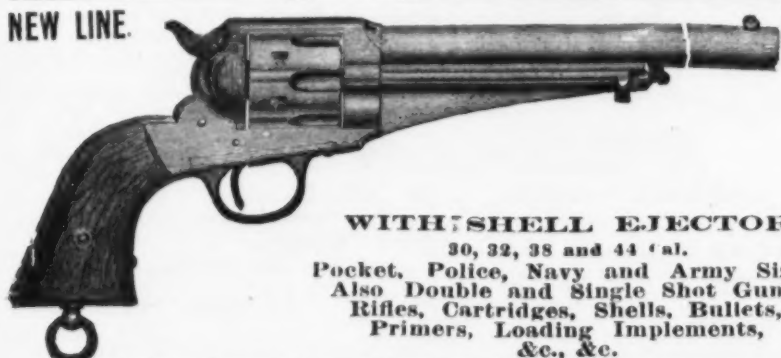
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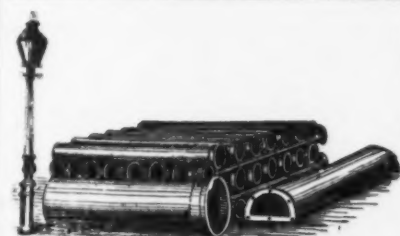
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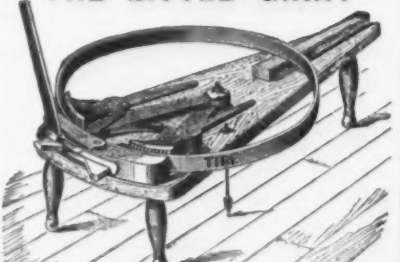
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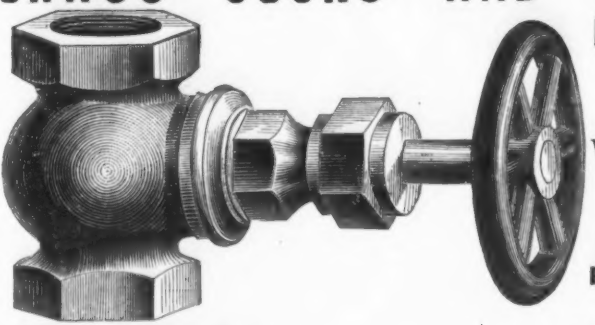
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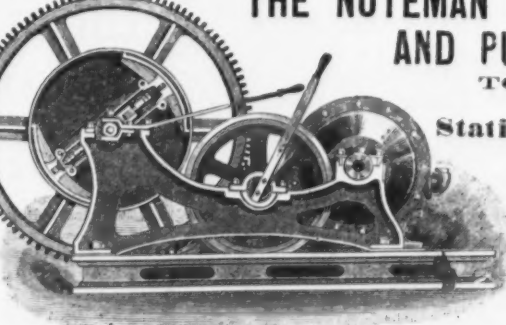
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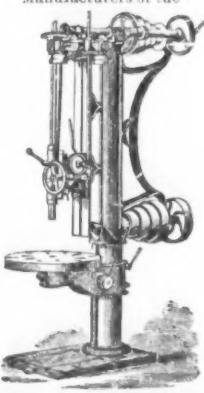
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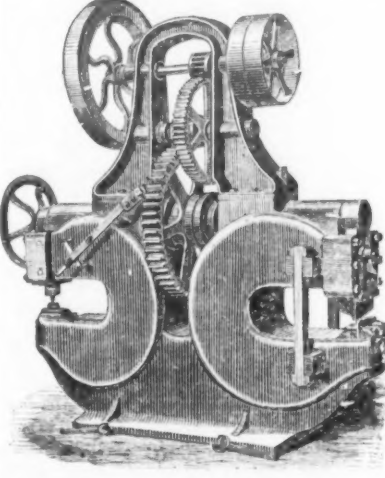
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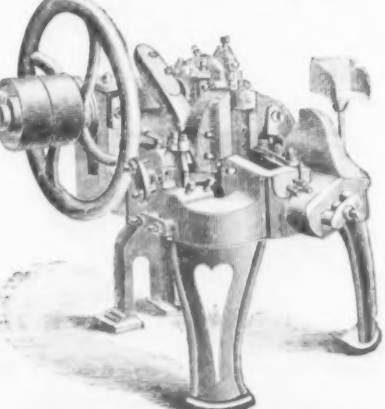
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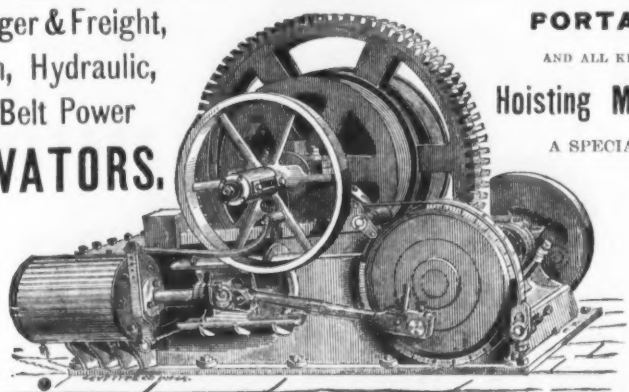
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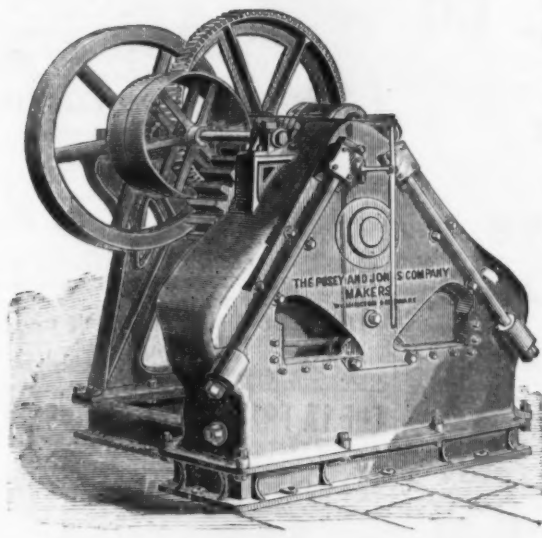
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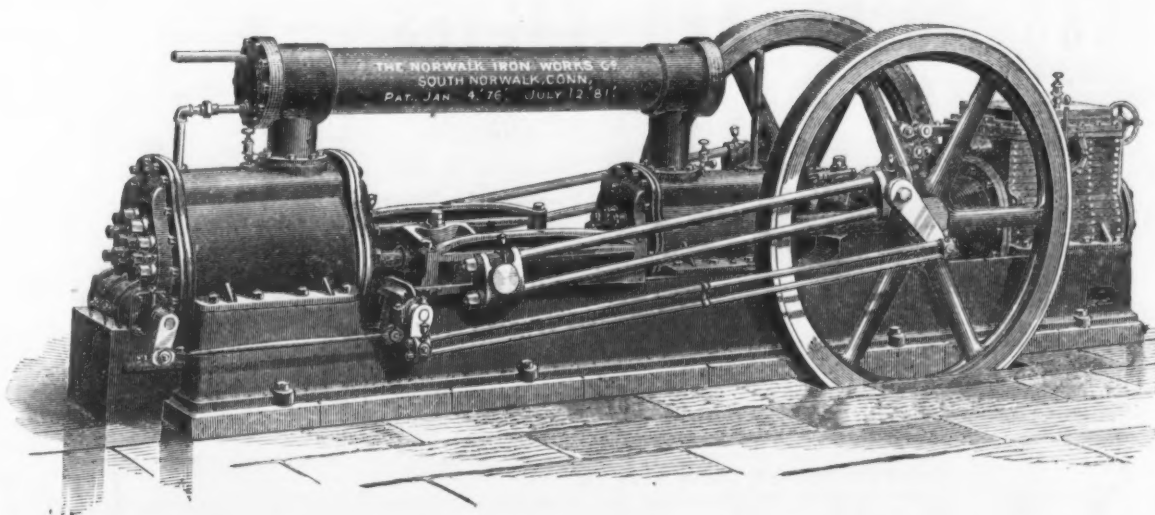
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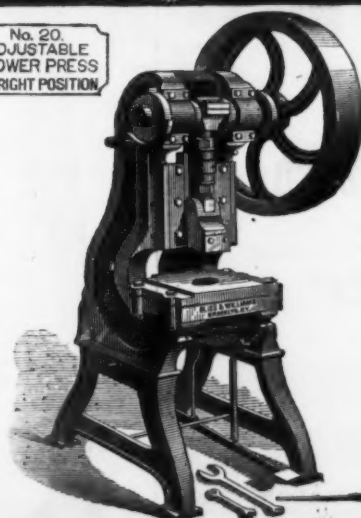


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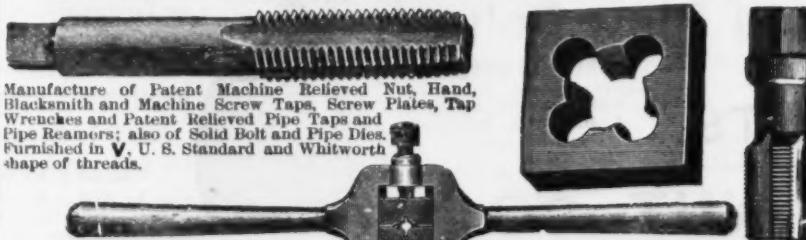
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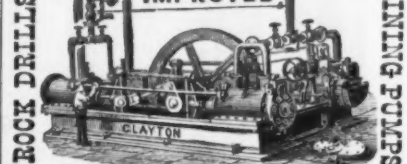
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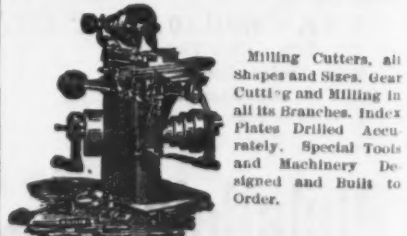
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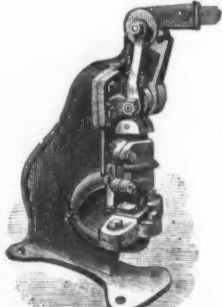
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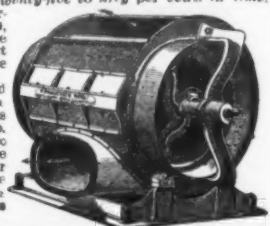


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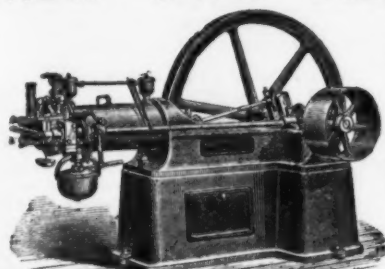
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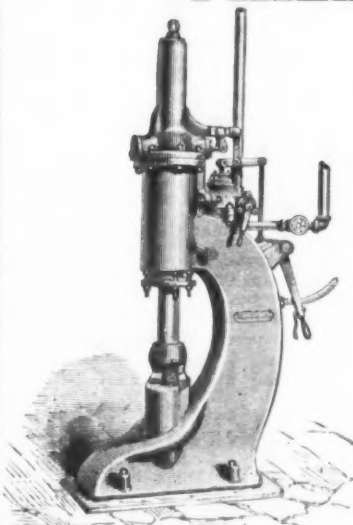
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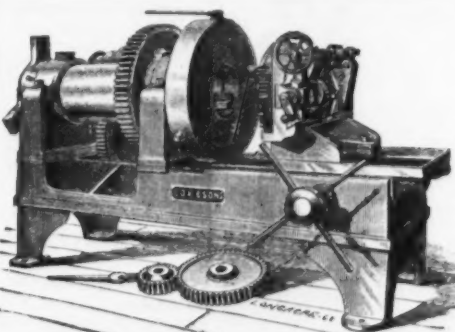
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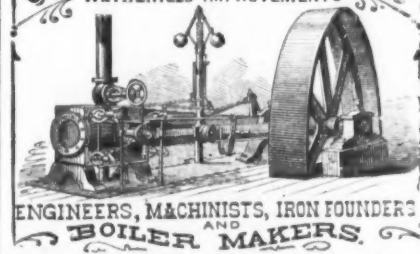
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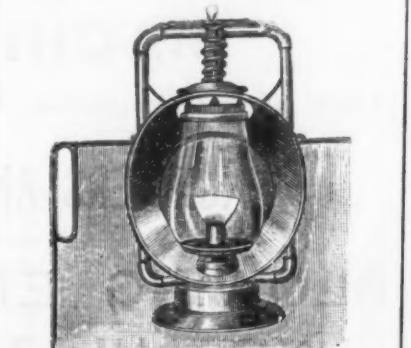
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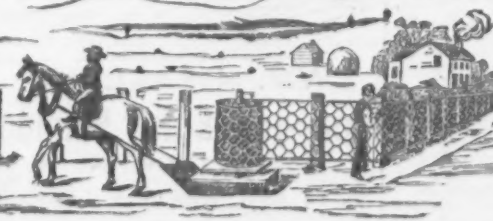
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